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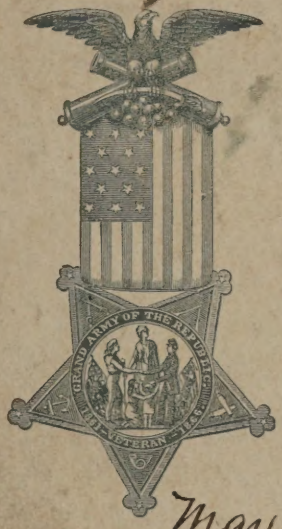

MINUTES.

Wm L. Ladman Post No. One.

DEPT. OF Mass.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

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Head Quarters Wm L. Kadman Post 1.
T. U. L. Dept of Mass. T. U. L.
May 16th 1888.

Meeting Called to order by
P.C. Geo P. Gifford.

Officers Present.

S.V.C. A. A. Colwell Q.M. J.V.C. S.C. Chamberlain Q.M.
Adjt. J.W. Boothman 2.M. Chas F. Burgess.
Surgt. R. W. Snow Asst Chap H.B. James.
O.D. J Donaghy O.G. A.J. Smith.
S.M. S.S. Arnold Q.M. 2.M.S. J. Marble.
S.G. H.C. Slocum.

Sick.

S.V.C Soule. Reported very sick.
S.M. Topham
Comrade Reeves " Improveing
" Mathews " "

To Visit the Sick.

To visit S.V.C. Soule. O.D. Donaghy & Com Chamberlain.
To visit S.M. Topham Com's Mitchel & Pierce.
" " Com Reeves Com's King & Mathews.
" " " Mathews & Asst Chap James & Benjamin

On Motion of Sure Snow it was
Voted That the Case of of a Soldiers Wife in
Fairhaven reported in distitute
Circumstances be refered to the Relief
Committee for investigation.

On the application of Wm Oasting
for membership in this Post a Majority
of the Committee reported favorable
& it was
Voted To accept a Majority report & on
balloting he was declared Elected.

On the Application of Edwin P Soule
for re-enstatement in this Post the
Committee all reported favorable &
on balloting he was declared Elected

Mr. Oasting was duly mustered as a
Comrade of this Post.

Edwin P. Soule & Horace M. Plummer
was duly re-enstated as Comrades
of this Post.

New Business.

A Communication from the Adjt Gen
also one from the Mayor of Taunton &
one from the Veterans Rights Union
was read

A request of the Womans Relief Corps for the use of this Hall next Monday Eve was granted

The Commander appointed Comrade Chamberlain on the Memorial day Committee in the place of S. V. C. Soule who by reason of sickness cannot attend to the duty.

Bills

Hutchinson	.50 cts
N. B. Gas Co	1.70 "

No Present 46

Closed in form.

J. W. Footman Adjt.

Approved.

Head Quarters Mc. L. Lodman Post 1
Dept of Mass G. A. R.
May 23rd 1888.

Meeting called to Order by P.C. Geo P. Lifford.

Officers Present.
S.V.C C.M. Colwell Q.M. J.V.C C. C. Chamberlain acct
Cadet J.W. Hartman 2.M. C. F. Burgess.
Surg R.W. Snow. Asst Surg H.B. Johnson.
O.D. J. Donaghy. O.G. H. C. Closson Q.M.
S.M. P.M. Topham 2.M.S. J. Marble
T.G. J.H. Wilcox.

Records of last Meeting read & approved.

A Communication from Dept H.Q. 25.
stating that the Sentence by Court Martial
of Daniel H. Bishop was disapproved.

Sick.
S.V.C Soule was reported very low.
Comrade Reade " " better.
" Mathews " " Gaining

To visit the Sick.
To visit S.V.C Soule 2.M & Surg.
" " Com Reades Commander Lifford
" " " Mathews Asst Surg & J.V.C

the Commander received a Dispensation from Dept Head Qrs to allow him to muster all the reports

The application of Louis Halburton for re-instatement in this Post was received & refered to the following Committee for investigation Comrades W. W. Atwood C. C. Simmons & Wm Carter.

The Committee on the application of Louis Halburton for re-instatement in this Post all reported favorable & on balloting he was declared Elected.

Louis Halburton was reinstated as a member of this Post.

Report of Committees.

The Memorial Committee reported that they was progressing with there duties.

New Business.

Voted That a Roll Call be presented to Engine Co No 5 in the Name of the Post. & that the Commander appoint a Committee to present it.

On Motion of O. G. Smith it was
Voted that the Committee consist of 5, ammended by the L. M. that the Commander be added & the following was appointed O. G. Smith Sedgt Rodman L. M. Borgess H. C. Chamberlain Comrade F. W. Cook & Commander Gifford

On motion of Comrade Palmer it was
Voted That a Comrade be appointed in the
place of H. W Mason on the Committee
of annual donations. & the Commander
was given 1 week to make the appointment

O. G. Smith stated the Corps Badges
in the Anex room belonged to Freeman
Cattle & that they had been presented to
this Post. & it was
Voted that they be received by the Post.

A Communication from the Chap
tendering his resignation was read. &
the Commander notified the Post that
an Election of a Chap would be held
at our next regular Meeting.

On motion of J. V. C it was
Voted that the adjt send a notice to each of
the Churches requesting them to take
a Collection for the benefit of our relief
fund

Bills
Qr. Mr. Dept Mass
Caleb & Bellows was read & ordered
payed on approval of the finance Com

On Motion of Sing Snow it was
Voted that the reading of the records be dispensed with

Copy present 88.

Closed in June.

Approved

W. Footman
Actg Q

HEADQUARTERS

Wm. Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R.

NEW BEDFORD, May 29th, 1888.

Comrades, in compliance with General Orders from Department Headquarters, you are hereby ordered to report at Post Headquarters at eight o'clock sharp, WEDNESDAY, May 30th, in full uniform, to participate in the observance of Memorial Day ceremonies.

GEO. P. GIFFORD, Commander.

J. W. FOOTMAN, Adjutant.

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MEMORIAL DAY.

To-morrow's Programme for Honoring the Dead Heroes.

Lists of Graves to be Decorated by Posts 1 and 146, G. A. R.

New Bedford Soldiers who Sleep in Southern Graves.

Post 1, G. A. R., Geo. P. Gifford, P. C., has made complete arrangements for decorating soldiers' graves with the usual solemn parade to-morrow. Mr. Gifford will be chief marshal of the procession, which will include Posts 1 and 146, the City Guards, High School Cadets, French Canadian Zouaves and Sons of Veterans, with Hill's Band and Co. E Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps.

Greeley Davis of the 35th New Jersey Zouaves and Edwin R. Burr of Co. E, 58th Massachusetts, will drum for the Canadian Zouaves.

The procession will move at 9 o'clock, and will go to Rural and Oak Grove cemeteries and to the Common, and returning to City Hall will march in review before Mayor Rotch. In the afternoon, graves at Riverside cemetery will be decorated by a squad in charge of Post Commander Gifford. Graves at Woodside and Naskatucket cemeteries will be decorated by Comrades James F. Tripp, John T. Adams and F. M. Taber. A squad in charge of Past Commander A. J. Smith will go to South Dartmouth and will be accompanied by the Canadian Zouaves. Comrade George A. Taylor with a party of the Women's Relief Corps will go to Apponegansett and the Friends' burying ground at Fresh River, and will join the last named squad at South Dartmouth. Comrades Frank P. Washburn, Lemuel A. Washburn and Arthur Brooks will decorate graves at Acushnet, Long Plain and East Freetown early in the morning. Comrade Daniel A. Tripp will go to Westport.

In the evening the above posts will listen to an oration by Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., in Liberty Hall.

Committees of Post No. 190 will visit the four principal cemeteries and will make general decorations on mounds prepared for the purpose. It will also decorate the soldiers' monument on the Common and the monument in Riverside cemetery. In the afternoon the members will listen to an oration from Rev. A. H. Heath in the North Congregational church.

Previous to the City Guards being dismissed after inspection last evening, Capt. Sanders requested every man to be at the armory to-morrow morning (Memorial Day) at 8 o'clock, in full uniform, to act as escort to the Grand Army posts on the route of procession.

The following is the list of graves in this city, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Acushnet and East Freetown, to be decorated. Revolutionary soldiers are designated by the character ‡, those in the army or navy in the war of 1812 by §, and hospital attendants by **.

When the soldiers' and sailors' monument on the Common was erected, in 1866, a list was made, supposed to be nearly complete, of New Bedford soldiers and sailors who had lost their lives in the war, and a copy engrossed on parchment was placed in the corner-stone. A committeee of the City Council, appointed three years later for the purpose, revised the list as deposited in the monument, and found that there were many omissions, and that the names of two men living in 1869 were included. In the following lists given by cemeteries, those whose names are in the corner-stone of the monument are designated by a single *, and others who ought to have been in that list by a †.

The monument in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven, bears the names of all citizens of that town who lost their lives in the war. Those whose graves or monuments were decorated are designated by ‖.

List of Graves to be Decorated.

Second Street Ground.

Thomas Pope.*

Rural Cemetery.

John Aiken,§
Alexander Akin,*
Clement Allen,
Thomas T. Allen,
Jacob Almy,
Jacob Altenkirch,
John Alvis,
Charles M. Anthony,
Thomas Atkinson,
Charles G. Baker,*
Isaac Baker,§
James E. Baker,
Henry A. Barker,
Freeman P. Bartlett,
John E. Bartlett,*
James Barton,
William Bates,
Francis F. Bennett,
John W. Blackburn,
Chas. B. Blankenship,
Alexander Bliss,§
William Bliss,‡
William Bliss,§
Isaac Bly,§
Henry M. Bonney,
Abram E. Borden,*
Henry Borden,
Oliver C. Boston,
George S. P. Bradford,
John F. Bradford,
John P. Brending,
Henry W. Briggs,
Leonard Briggs,
George W. Brightman,
Peter C. Brooks,
Dedrick Brown,
John C. Brown,*
Samuel Brown,
Frederick W. Brownell,
Isaiah Burgess,§
Charles H. Butts,
Philip Cannon,§
Richard Carroll,
Felix Cassidy,
John H. Chapman,
Ezra D. Chase,*
William T. Chase,*
John W. Kelley,
Henry E. Kendrick,
Jacob Kettle,
John R. Kincade,
Nicholas Kirby.
John F. Kribler,*
Joseph N. Landers,*
Henry K. Lapham,
George H. Lawrence,*
Edmund H. Lewis,*
Samuel Little,
Andrew N. Mack,*
Nicholas Mack,
Charles S. Macreading,
James W. Makepeace,
Edward Marshall,
Charles H. Mason,
Humphrey S. Mason,
Joseph T. Mason,
David Matthews,
Charles W. Mendell,
Barney Mercier,
Edward Mitchell,
William Moore,
Samuel Morrell,
Alexander Negus,
Charles H. Negus,
Frederick Newburg,
Hiram W. Norton,
James M. Oakley,
James O'Connor,
Nathaniel D. Ottiwell,*
William Ottiwell,
Gardner T. Pashoe,
Benjamin T. Peckham,
Thos. H. B. Peckham,
Isaac C. Kendall,
John A. Peirce,*
Richard A. Peirce,
Henry Perkins,§
Samuel Pollay,§
Abner Potter,
Philip B. Purrington,
James Pye,
Horace H. Randall,
Lysander F. Remington
Cyrus A. Richmond,*
William Clymonts,
William S. Cobb,
William H. Collin,
J. H. Cole,
Levi Coleman,
Charles M. Collins,
William Cook,
George H. Coon,
Elisha Copeland,
Randall M. Cornell,
Stephen E. Crapo,*
William T. Crapo,
Thos. Alton Cushman,
John M. Davenport,
Charles A. Davis,
John P. Dean,
Richard Delano,†
George Delavan,
Charles F. Devoll,*
Naaman H. Dillingham,
Robert A. Dillingham,
Thomas S. Dunham,
Henry T. Dunning,
Charles D. Durfee,
Richard Dutton,
Daniel Eldridge,§
Joseph Eldridge,§
Charles Fales,
David S. Fletcher,
Peter Freeman,
Charles Gilbert,§
John Gordon,
John H. Gray,*
William C. Hackett,
Charles H. Harrison,
John C. Hart,
Roland C. Hart,
George E. Hawes,*
William H. Heath,
Cornelius Henson,
Francis Herley,
Charles Hewett,
Ephraim Hicks,
Charles Holmes,
George Howard,
George S. Howard,*
George W. Howland,*
Lloyd Howland,§
George W. Hunt,
James Igo,
Charles H. Ingraham,
Timothy Ingraham,
Benjamin R. Jenney,
Joseph D. Jennings,
Nathan Johnson,
Benjamin Jones,
Henry C. Kelley,
Lilley Kelley,§
John H. Ricketson,
Eliphalet H. Robbins,
Charles E. Robertson,
George H. Rogers,
Ruth Russell,**
William Russell,
Edward T. Ryder,
Preserved M. Ryder,
Thomas G. Salter,
John H. Schanck,
George A. Shepherd,
James T. Shepherd,*
George Shorkley,§
David Albert Simmons,
John F. Sisson,§
William H. H. Sisson,
Alvin C. Smith.
Benjamin F. Sowle,
Amos Staples,
Robert S. Stevens,
George R. Stimpson,§
John W. Stoops,
Benjamin O. Sutton,
Richard N. Sweet,
Reuben Swift,§
Cornelius G. Taber,
John C. Taber,*
Lyman G. Taber,
William Tallman,
George F. Taylor,
William H. Taylor,
William Henry Taylor,
J. Henry Thrasher,
Charles F. Tillinghast,*
Thomas G. Tillinghast,*
Franklin Tobey,
Alexander R. Tripp,
Almanza Tripp,
Thomas G. C. Tripp,
William H. Tripp,*
Stephen Tuckerman,
James D. Vaughan,
John Wadington,
Jacob Waggoner,
William Walley,
Thomas E. Ward,
Samuel J. Watson,*
Norbert V. Weaver,*
Henry M. Weeden,
A. J. M. White,
Frank H. M. Wilcox,
James Wolfenden,
Bonneville Wood,
Eliza A. Wood,**
Eliza G. Wood,**
Horatio Wood,*
William H. Wood.

Friends' Cemetery.

Henderson M. Gainville, Charles H. Simmons.
Martin Hatheway,§

Graves are reported, in addition to the list printed in the *Standard* on Tuesday, as follows:

Rural Cemetery.—John E. Brady. A neat stone was put up a few days ago, on his grave in the soldiers' and sailors' lot, by subscription of members of Post 1 and the crew of steamer City of Fitchburg.

North part of Oak Grove Cemetery—George Bowker, a soldier of the war of 1812.

St. Lawrence Cemetery—Michael Dugan, Thomas Hughes, James Murphy, Michael Rogers, Thomas Rogers.

Pine Grove Cemetery—Burrage Y. Warner.

Riverside Cemetery—Wm. C. Ashley, Wm. C. Nye.

South Dartmouth—Oliver A. Cleveland.

The Sons of Veterans decorated the graves of their deceased comrades Michael A. Murray and Samuel Broadbent in St. Lawrence Cemetery, and of John A. Hawes for whom their camp was named in Riverside cemetery.

The City Guards decorated the graves of past members—William Gorham in Rural cemetery, Sergt. William F. Bradford in Oak Grove cemetery, and Lieut. John H. Deane and Cornelius Jordan in St. Lawrence cemetery.

The whole number of graves of veterans decorated by the New Bedford posts was 531, an increase from last year of 31. The veterans are fast dropping away.

Oak Grove Cemetery, South of Parker Street.

Winthrop Adams,§
William H. Alger,
Charles H. Anthony,
John H. M. Babcock,
William T. Barker,
Zachariah T. Bearse,*
William T Besse,
James C. Bly,§
Joseph H. Bly,*
George F. Booth,*
Nathaniel A. Booth,
John K. Briggs,
Charles T. Bryant,
Miles Carter,
Benjamin F. Caswell,
Daniel Caswell,§
Albert B. Chase,
Stephen E. Christian,*
Charles A. Clark,
John Coggeshall,‡
John H. Cole,
William H. Conant,
John M. Cornell,*
Robert Cottle,‡
Benjamin B. Covell,
Eliphalet Daggett,§
John Dammon,
James A. Davis,
William Delano,
Amos J. Denham,*
Benjamin Denham,‡
Alfred C. Dunham,
Thomas J. Eagleton,
Lowell M. Edson,*
Henry D. Edwards,
George R. Ellenwood,
Thomas H. Ferney,
Lewis A. Fleetwood,†
William F. Gifford,
Jacob A. Gilbert,
Francis L. Gilman,
John M. C. Ginn,
George Robt. Glasgow,
William Green,
David Hammond,
Thomas H. Hammond,
John J. Hawkins.
Amasa L. E. Holbrook,
Oliver B. Holden,
Charles F. Howland,*
John T. Huddy,
Sanford Jenney,*
William A. Jenney,
John Henry Jennings,
Caleb Johnson,§
David S. Keen,*
Samuel S. Leighton,
Benjamin Lincoln,§
Alden Lucas,
Charles A. Lucas,*
Nathaniel R. Luce,*
Richard Luscomb,
Fredk. W. McCleave,
Charles Mangea,
Barak E. Matthews,
David Maxim,†
Stephen E. Merrihew,
Jas. Arthur Mitchell,
William H. Nichols,
Eben P. Nye,
George Fox Oliver,
George S. Palmer,
Isaac Palmer,§
Thomas S. Palmer,*
Franklin B Parker,
Lawrence Parkinson,
Stillman Perry,
Thomas Polk,
Thomas Pope,§
Benjamin F. Price,
Charles Read,
James L. Richards,
Thomas R. Robeson,
Wm. Logan Rodman,*
William O. Russell,
James C. F. Sadler,
Charles Shaw,
Henry W. Shearman,§
Thornton Smith,
Samuel H. Spooner,
Stephen Spooner,§
Ansel R. Stetson,
Timothy Stowe,*
William H. Topham,
Lysander C. Tripp,
Samuel W. Whitehead,
Seth A. Wilcox,*
Elihu Wood,§
Jas. H. Wrightington.

Oak Grove Cemetery, North of Parker Street.

James H. Albro,*
Andrew W. Almy,
Charles A. Bonney,
David G. Braman,
Thomas S. Broadbent,
William Carney,
John Carter,
Nelson Cherry,
Charles E. Cowing,
Thomas B. Cowing,
Edward M. Coxen,*
John L. Daniels,
Samuel H. Davie,
George W. Davis,
Franklin Duckworth,
Fountain Ellis,
Andrew J. Francis,
Joseph T. Hafford,
Albert Hammond,
John H. Harrison,
Bradford Hatheway,
Michael Hines,
George H. Hope,
James T. Jenney,†
Jedutban Jenney,§
Isaac A. Jennings,
Henry Johnson,
Eben S. Keen,
Silas C. Kenney,*
Isaac King,
Samuel Kirk,
Robert E. Lucas,
John T. Luther,
Daniel D. Mitchell,
Joseph R. Mosher,
James Neild,
Luther Nelson,
Henry J. Paine,
Samuel Phillips,
Samuel Raymond,§
William H. Records,
Henry W. Soule,*
John T. Taliaferro,
Walter S. Tilghman,
Charles W. C. Turner,
Thomas R. Tripp,
Joseph B. Watkins,
James Weston,
Peter White,
Edward W. Wilkins,
Stephen Wilkinson,
J. Otis Williams,
William A. B. Wilson,
Frank L. Wood.

West Cemetery.

Luthan Blake,*
Peleg W. Blake,*
William E. Harper,
William A. Hathaway,
John F. Hathaway,*
Henry Hillman,
Benjamin S. Kanuse,*
William A. Nash,
Silas Nye,
George A. Oehrlien,
Simeon W. Potter,
Frederick Read,
William Swift,§
Charles F. Tuckwell,*
Stephen West,‡
Olney A. Whitman,*
Francis A. Young.

St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Samuel Batty,
William Brown,
John M. Canty,*
Patrick Carney,
Patrick Carroll,*
Michael Carter,
Thomas Cuddy,
Michael Devine,*
James Donovan,
James F. Edgerton,
Henry Fitzsimmons,†
James F. Flynn,
John Flynn,
Matthew Flynn,
Frank E. Gillespie,
John W. Gillespie,
Patrick Haley,
Jeremiah Hayes,
Thomas Lahey,
Daniel Leary,
P. W. Martin,
John Murphy,
—— Read,
Philip Riley,
John Russell,
James P. Ryan,*
William P. Ryan,
James Spillan,
Charles T. Thompson,
—— Ward,
William Welch.*

FAIRHAVEN.

Riverside Cemetery.

Bart Aiken,‖
Frederick B. Allen,
Henry L. Bosworth,*
Thomas H. Bowen,
Joseph S. Caswell,‖
Nathan C. Coburn,
William G. Cowell,
William P. Cowie,
Thomas Crowell,
Edward F. Damon,
John J. Duffy,
Barnabas Ewer,‖
Isaac Fairchild,
John Arthur Fitch,‖
John Alex. Hawes,
Walter F. Howland,
Charles W. Hyde,
Alfred G. King,
William B. Purrington,
Francis H. Stoddard,‖
Oliver Swain,
Henry W. Taber,
Joseph Taber,
Joseph B. Taber,
John M. Thompson,‖
Horace P. Tripp,
Israel Washburn,
Wm. B. Watterson,‖
Lemuel C. Wood,
Chas. D. Wrightington.

Woodside Cemetery.

William L. Butman,
Eben W. Godfrey,
Samuel T. Spooner,
Amos S. Tripp,‖
Eben R. Tripp,
Caleb J. Wood.

Naskatucket.

Charles H. Austin,‖
Alexander J. Brown,
Warren R. Clark,
George H. Copeland,
Simpson Jenney,
Oliver Mendall,
Alvin H. Paine,
Abisha Shaw,
William J. Steele,
John Weeden,§
John Williams.

On the Fairhaven monument are the following names of citizens of that town who lost their lives in the war, but who were not buried at home:

Benjamin F. Cowen,
Edw. H. Dillingham,
Lewis Albert Drew,
Charles F. Eldredge,
Ebenezer B. Hathaway,
Charles N. Jenney,
James Merrihew,
Harvey G. Morse,
Ebenezer Parsons,
Phineas Peckham,
George F. Rogers,
Loring P. Taber,
Elbridge B. Townsend,
William A. West.

Samuel L. Marvell and Henry Steele should be included in this list.

ACUSHNET.

Pine Grove Cemetery.

Thos. W. D. Chapman,* Alden Spooner.
John Lee,*

First Church Yard.

Charles F. Crane,*
Samuel D. Smith,
Lyman Spooner,
Joseph Webster.

Taber Cemetery.

Howland Taber.

Long Plain.

Samuel Pierce,
Frank Pittsley,
Thomas Potter,
Lemuel S. Record,*
Zacheus H. Wright.

EAST FREETOWN.

Braleyville.

Abram Haskell,
Ephraim Haskell,
Martin Haskell,
Roger Haskell,‡
Phineas Reynolds,
Preserved Westgate.

White Cemetery.

Ephraim Boomer,
Simeon A. Macomber,
Oliver Wasburn.

DARTMOUTH.

South Dartmouth.

George W. Briggs,
Robert B. Crapo,
John T. Craw,
Barker Cushman,
Obed Cushman,‡
Obed Cushman,§
Samuel E. Dean,
Clark Haskins,§
Lot Howes,§
Daniel Howland,§
William H. Knox,*
James Lawton,
Charles Matthews,§
Josiah Matthews,‡
Gideon Reynolds,
James Rider,§
Charles H. Sears,*
Willard Sears,§
Daniel Sherman,‡
James Sherman,
Stephen Sherman,§
Samuel Stall,§
James Taylor,
Nathan H. Taylor,
Robert T. Wyatt.

Apponegansett.

Alden T. Macomber.

Friends' Meeting House.

Joseph Parker Francis.

Smith Mills.

Edwin C. Tripp.*

Davis Cemetery.

George W. Gifford,
Asa M. Jennings,
Charles Mosher.

Ryder Cemetery.

Charles E. Ryder.

Whiteside Cemetery.

T. D. A. Briggs.

Hixville.

Albert Henry Cook.

Evergreen Cemetery.

David W. Chace.

Pine Island Cemetery.

John Rotch.

Ashley Cemetery.

Wilson Reynolds.

Sixty-seven of the above names, indicated by stars, are on the roll in the corner stone of the New Bedford soldiers' monument. The additional names in the corner stone, of men whose graves are not in New Bedford and vicinity, are as follows:

James F. Aiken,
Charles R. Akin,
Albert J. Aldrich,
Frederick S. Allen,
Thomas Almy,
Frank Andrews,
Elisha N. Avila,
Charles E. Babbitt,
John C. Bean,
William Bentley,
Joseph D. Besseleu,
Samuel J. Blain,
Horatio T. Bly,
Charles R. Booth,
John C. Booth,
Daniel W. Borden,
John Boston,
Edward Boyd,
Augustus D. Briggs,
I. H. Briggs,
Obed N. Briggs,
Charles A. Brown,
John Bryant,
James H. Buchanan,
Thomas Burke,
Joseph R. Campbell,
Charles Cavenaugh,
Thomas Chandler,
Johnson Clark,
James Clough,
Lewis H. Coble,
Harry N. Coburn,
Timothy Conly,
Erastus M. Coombs,
Timothy Corcoran,
Henry D. Crapo,
Andrew Dandridge,
Charles B. Douglass,
Timothy Dwyer,
Daniel O. Foster,
Isaac Francis,
Antone Freitas,
James Fuller,
Reuben A. Garlick,
Charles H. Gibson,
Charles R. Gifford,
William H. Gifford,
Edward G. Gilman,
James H. Gooding,
John Gould,
Edward Graham,
Franklin S. Gray,
James Gray,
Herbert Handley,
Joshua J. Handy,
Joshua B. W. Hart,
George W. Harvey,
John H. Heintz,
William H. Herron,
Henry Hill,
John Hogan,
James Holmes,
Hiram B. Howard,
Lothrop R. Howland,
Charles Jones,
Charles G. Kempton,
Silas W. Kempton,
Michael Killian,
Leprelate King,
Henry C. Kingman,
Michael Lally,
James H. Leavens,
Luther W. Lemunyon,
Stephen H. Leonard,
Thomas W. Leonard,
Samuel Lines,
Gilbert A. Look,
George F. Lucas,
Lewis [illegible],
Juan Lucius,
Hugh McDevitt,
John McGowan,
Charles G. Macy,
William E. Manchester
Luther Maxwell,
Michael Milan,
Albert F. Milliken,
Charles E. Milliken,
Joseph Noland,
William S. Norton,
Ephraim B. Nye,
Franklin Nye,
Charles H. Oliver,
Horatio G. Oliver,
Owen O'Malley,
Patrick Ormand,
James E. Parnell,
Oliver Hazard Perry,
Sampson Pew,
Henry Place,
Walter A. Potter,
Theodore H. Price,
Isaac Reed,
Edward Reichmann,
Joseph A. Sargent,
Isaac W. Sekell,
William F. Sherman,
Zoeth Sherman,
Charles H. Simmons,
James Smith,
Matthew Smith,
Octavius C. Smith,
Francis Spooner,
William D. Standish,
Columbus Stowell,
William A. Sweeney,
Daniel Gardner Taber,
Edwin S. Taber,
Samuel H. Taber,
William H. Thatcher,
Charles F. Tirrell,
Abraham P. Torrence,
Ebenezer Tripp,
James Harvey Tripp,
Jireh B. Tripp,
Leander A. Tripp,
Treadwell Turner,
George M. Viall,
Edmund G. Welsh,
Alvern S. Warren,
Henry J. Williams,
William H. Williston,
John A. Wing,
Hugh Winn,
Samuel J. Wood,
Charles P. Wordell,
Gardner R. Wordell,
Angus W. Young,
Nathan L. Young.

Ephraim B. Nye's grave is at Pocasset.

The list of names of New Bedford soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the war, which did not get into the soldiers' monument, numbers 63. Four of them, designated by †, are buried in the New Bedford cemeteries, and one, William S. Wilcox, at Mattapoisett. The others are as follows:

Manuel Andrews,
William Barry,
Thompson B. Blood,
Emanuel Boakin,
John F. Brockdon,
George H. Brown,
William F. Bryant,
Charles B. Cole,
William F. Davis,
John Dennison,
Charles Dixon,
Patrick Downing,
Joseph Elliott,
John Flaherty,
David S. Gifford,
Thomas Gordon,
Joseph L. Hall,
Levi Hall,
Jeremiah Harrington,
George Heilman,
Alphonso S. Howes,
Thomas Hullahan,
Robert B. Hussey,
William S. Jackson,
Edward Johnson,
Robert S. Joyner,
David Lawton,
Edward Louden,
John Louis,
Robert A. Low,
John McCarty,
Charles Marcy,
Augustus L. Marshall
Thomas Martin,
William H. Morris,
Philip Mosher,
Philip Mullany,
Robert N. Nugent,
Daniel O'Brien,
Cornelius O'Neil,
George Orne,
William Pearson,
James M. Penniman,
Edward Phillips,
William T. Rodgers,
Reuben G. Rogers,
John Scannell,
John Scott,
Eugene Shepherd,
George Simpson,
Michael Smith,
Charles B. Swain,
James Thompson,
William Thompson,
Henry Urban,
Joseph Whalon,
John D. Whitehall,
William Williams.

The City's Chaplet for the Country's Defenders.

Impressive Memorial Meetings in Hall and Church.

Addresses by Rev. Dr. Quint, Rev. A. H. Heath and Hon. E. L. Barney.

Through the streets of the city, yesterday, there marched processions of men, not girt with the tools of slaughter, but carrying in their hands baskets of flowers. They were making their annual pilgrimage to the green cemeteries, where affection and patriotism garnished with flowers the graves of their old comrades in the ranks of blue.

Excepting that the heavy rain which fell during the night rendered the streets muddy, the day was everything that could be desired. William Logan Rodman Post turned out with 86 men in line, and including the various details, and the disabled veterans who rode in carriages, over 100 members of the organization were in the line. Among those who rode in the carriages were Mayor Rotch, President Peirce of the common council, Rev. A. H. Quint, Rev. Henry C. Graves, Rev. Charles E. Barnes, Rev. A. P. Palmer, and Rev. George Matthews.

On every soldier's grave a basket of flowers, a wreath and a bouquet were placed. Owing to the scarcity of garden flowers, apple blossoms, violets, buttercups and wild flowers were utilized to a great extent and with very satisfactory effect.

The procession started from City Hall square shortly after 9 o'clock, in the following order:

Officers Joseph B. Wing and Robert Moynan, mounted.
Platoon of Police under command of Lieut. T. J. Taft.
Hill's Band, 22 men, George Hill, leader.
Chief Marshal, George P. Gifford; James L. Wilber, Chief of Staff; John W. Footman, Adjutant; C. T. Burgess, Quartermaster; A. J. Smith, E. K. Bly, T. W. Cook, H. R. Tripp, E. T. Wilson and John E. Dyer, Aids.
City Guards, 52 men, Capt. William Sanders.
High School Cadets, 36 men, Capt. Frederick Mason.
French Canadian Zouaves, 36 men, Capt. Emile C. Brenier.
Company E, Fife and Bugle Corps, 15 men.
John A. Hawes Camp Sons of Veterans, 20 men, Walter G. Dennison, Commander.
William Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R., 86 men, J. V. C. Albert F. Caldwell, Commanding.
Robert G. Shaw Post 146, G. A. R., 8 men, George T. Fisher, Commanding.
New Bedford Light Artillery, 23 men, Leopold Bartel, Commanding.
Seven Carriages with invited guests and disabled Comrades.
Floral Wagons.

The line marched through Elm, Purchase, Union, Sixth, Bedford, County, Allen and Dartmouth streets to Rural cemetery. After the graves were decorated the men formed on the soldiers' lot. Here they met the Woman's Relief Corps, 40 in number, dressed in black robes of mourning and wearing white gloves. The corps had decorated the mound in memory of the unknown dead, with a large floral crown two feet in height, within which hung a pure white dove, and several floral designs.

The roll of the dead was read by Comrade T. W. Cook and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Graves. Hill's band played a reverie, "The Wayside Chapel," by Wilson.

The line of march was resumed through Rural, Brigham, Hawthorne, Orchard, Arnold, County, Sycamore, Cottage and Smith streets to Oak Grove cemetery. Here, after the decoration of graves, the roll was read by Chaplain James B. Russell, prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Barnes and Hill's band played "The Last Homage," by Marie.

From here the procession finally marched to the common, where the monument was strewn with flowers. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Quint and the band played the Pilgrim chorus from "I Lombardi."

Thence the line marched through Pleasant street, where it was reviewed by his honor, Mayor Rotch. The parade was dismissed at about 2 o'clock.

In the afternoon a squad in charge of Past Commander A. J. Smith went to South Dartmouth, accompanied by the Canadian Zouaves, and decorated the soldiers' graves there. Comrade George A. Taylor with a party of the Women's Relief Corps went to Apponegansett and the Friends' burying ground at Fresh river, and joined the last named squad at South Dartmouth. Comrades Frank P. Washburn, Lemuel A. Washburn and Arthur Brooks decorated graves at Acushnet, Long Plain and East Freetown. Comrade Daniel A. Tripp went to Westport.

About 50 members of the post, under command of Commander Gifford, with Hill's band and the Sons of Veterans, went to Riverside cemetery at Fairhaven, where graves were decorated. The roll was read by Comrade James F. Tripp and prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Leighton. The grave of John A. Hawes was specially decorated by the Sons of Veterans. The graves at Woodside and Naskatucket cemeteries were decorated by Comrades James F. Tripp, John T. Adams and F. M. Taber.

At Liberty Hall in the evening a glorious wreath was woven by an eloquent orator, Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., past chaplain in chief of the G. A. R.

The hall was filled to overflowing on the lower floor, and there was an audience of good size in the gallery. William Logan Rodman post 1, the Robert G. Shaw post, the Sons of Veterans and Women's Relief Corps occupied the seats nearest the stage.

On the stage were seated the officers and many past commanders of Post 1, Revs. E. Williams, A. P. Palmer and M. C. Julien, Capt. Sanders of the City Guards, Capt. Denison of the Sons of Veterans, and other guests.

After a selection by Hill's band a double quartet from the Rheinberger club sang "The Flag that's Waved a Hundred Years." The chorus was made up as follows: Ellis L. Howland and Albert C. Tripp, first tenors, James D. D. Comey and B. F. Jenney, second tenors; Forrest Soule and John A. Ruggles, Jr., first bass; and H. W. Goff and James F. Macy, second bass.

The memorial ritual, led by Commander Gifford, was then recited and prayer was offered by Rev. A. P. Palmer.

After another selection was read, Commander Gifford introduced Rev. Dr. Quint, who delivered the memorial address. It was an interesting discourse and was frequently applauded. The address follows:

Twenty years ago, comrades and citizens, on this same 30th day of May, we marched over the same route as today, or, at least, we visited the same spots. It was, I believe, the first of these memorial days. We had the honorable distinction of being the first post of New England. I may be allowed to recall the fact that my own membership in this organization began at Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, and that I still have the official record of my selection as the presiding officer in the organization of this Post One. In 1868, Memorial day, Freeman T. Luce was commander of the post, and William S. Cobb, now numbered with the dead, was marshal of the occasion. George R. Hurlburt, formerly captain of calvary, commanded a mounted escort of veterans. Edward T. Chapman, one-armed, carried the colors. From the formation in front of city hall, we went to the Rural Cemetery, where we decorated the graves of twenty deceased soldiers. Thence our route was to Oak Grove, where thirty-five others had been laid to their rest. Nine more were remembered in the Catholic cemetery close by; while a detachment honored the graves of seven more in Peckham West. Our line of march there brought us in a national salute from battery guns, to the soldiers' monument upon the Common, which this city had to its great honor so early erected, and at whose dedication, I may be pardoned for remembering, the city had chosen me to speak. Gathered at the monument, after a preliminary address by James B. Congdon, now also departed, I was honored by your listening to myself. Upon the conclusion of these services, we crossed the bridge to Fairhaven, where in its burial ground, Riverside cemetery, that town had patriotically erected its memorial to its departed soldiers. We joined in their service of dedication that day, and you will again pardon me for re-calling the fact, that I had been selected to give the address. The service was under the charge of comrade John A. Hawes, whose grave is also now numbered with those which we commemorate.

We had earlier commenced our memorial at the common, but this began Memorial day. You still go, year by year, to each grave Should you cease to do so, you would prove recreant to the ties which make old comrades remember their dead. as well as the ties which unite soldiers in such sacred office. For myself, living at a distance, I cannot join you. But let me remain on the roll of this Post, until I die, and then give me a little detachment for my burial.

Nor let me fail to notice the faithfulness of Post 146, which I find in the column today, true as ever to the record which its brave men made in the days of war.

Even while we were, this noon, placing flowers at the graves, a member of this Post 1, a former mayor of this city, a good soldier and faithful comrade, was dying at his home, and died before today's march ended.

I said there were twenty graves in Rural cemetery; they tell me there are now one hondred and ninety-nine; at Oak Grove, the thirty-five are now one hundred and forty-one; and the nine in the Catholic burying place has increased to thirty-five.

Such men in their lives were rallying points. We trusted them. We feel almost bewildered and confused when we look for tried men, who proved themselves reliable by their soldierly virtues. It is perhaps of little moment that the country has few great soldiers now, so far as war is concerned. No old soldiers desire war. They are the truest men to maintain peace. It was Grant, the great soldier, who established national arbitration. Washington, Jackson, Harrison, Taylor, Grant, had no wars. All our wars have begun under politician presidents, —Jefferson, Polk, Buchanan.

I heard General Sherman twenty years ago in a group of guests in answer to a casual remark, say: "None of us prominent in this war, will lead in another. Such is history. If there were to be war within ten years, new times will demand new men." A week ago I thought of this when I witnessed the jaunty march, the shoulder of the musket, the precision of movement of the Boston high school regiment—fourteen hundred strong. I thought of it today when I saw the equal precision and bearing of your High School Cadets. Among those boys, and in every corps like them, are the future heroes, should the occasion demand. So too are our volunteer military. Nor would the sons of soldiers, as indeed many of them are, fall below the level of their fathers. Nevertheless the deaths of these great leaders has taken from the nation strongholds of confidence and left us to a level of commonplace.

II. We should also naturally expect a dearth of statesmen. For the times of a statesmanship developed by great contests upon vital principles underlying our national life have passed away. Iron is wrought upon the anvil under ponderous blows only when it comes from a fiery furnace; and the present days furnish neither the anvil, nor the fire. When we look at the names of past statesmen whose voices are now silent, we find a race of giants. Such was that unsurpassed orator, Wendell Phillips. Such that grand statesman, William Lloyd Garrison. In the great war times was John P. Hale, the first anti-slavery senator, who stood all alone when principles cost him dear, five years before Massachusetts sent a man of the same convictions; Seward, whose genius flashed out the phrase "irrepressible conflict" between freedom and slavery, and whose lofty principle declared that there was a higher law than all human enactments; Sumner, whose statesmanship found its bedrock in his favorite phrase, which he once gave me with his autograph, "Equality of rights is the best of rights," and who found his practical rule in his other sentence, "Freedom national, slavery sectional"; Henry Wilson, inflexible advocate and example of free labor; Chase, whose great energies had fought the battle of the freedom of the territories; Thaddeus Stevens, the indomitable leader in the popular branch of congress; that royal man, Roscoe Conkling, above even being called corruptible; these men all lived to see the triumph of their principles and to shape the destinies of a reconstructed nation. Stephen A. Douglass, the almost only equal in rugged power of Abraham Lincoln whom he fought, but who nobly came to his country's help and died; Alexander H. Stephens, great defender of southern principles and eloquent advocates of the theory that slavery was the corner stone of the Confederacy; Mason, author of the fugitive slave law; Jefferson Davis, whose personal bravery and great intellect, Alas! like Lucifer, son of the morning, no man ever denied. The foremost in position, I need not remind you, had seen his country victorious, then fell by the assassin's bullet.

These men are all gone. Indeed, this whole class of men, or rather that generation of men is nearly gone. Why should we expect to find great men when there are no great occasions? Men are brilliant men, but what great principles now develop the men? You look back to the intense debates of that fiery era and you find discussions of the inalienable rights of manhood, of the incompatible systems of freedom and slavery in one republic, of constitutional law and of practical questions growing out of these things which wise men knew must steadily drift into the flash of sabres, the roar of musketry and the thunder of cannon. We had the statesmanship which provided great armies and navies, and great systems of finances to meet the fearful drain. We had the statesmanship of sacrifice and every soldier was in his own way a statesman. He knew right from wrong and he swore by his country's flag.

Such were the great debates of war, and the equally great debates of reconstruction. That reconstruction tasked the wisdom, the calmness, the principle and the foresight of the greatest minds in our country. The adjustment of national and state authority—which had been a problem befitting Washington, Jefferson, and Hamilton, and which later had engrossed the splendid genius of a Calhoun and a Webster, required the practical re-adjustment which armies and navies had decided upon. The restoration of states to their proper allegiance and the security of rights to an immense number of freedmen would have made statesmen if none had existed. But they did exist.

I have turned lately to the newspapers of this month, in which have been columns permanently headed "The Great Debate." We were used to great debates once, when they were a nation's life and destiny. But this debate was a contest of how much tax to take off from a drunkard's rum; and how much tax to leave upon wool; and how much upon sugar, and something about tin plate, and tobacco. Such questions do not naturally develop statesmen; and men who have grown enormously rich by silver mines or watering stocks, make good enough statesmen for the present time. We saw but a little time ago, portraits flooding the shop windows. Once, it was of some great soldier or statesman, like Grant or Sumner. Now, it was a man stripped to the waist, with his fists doubled up, "the champion of America," I think they labelled him.

And yet I read in the papers something of the earnestness of war, and I see anxious throngs around the bulletin board. I hear in Boston the cry of late and extra editions with war-like headings. One is, the "Disaster Caused by a Poor Battery;" another the "Eastern men victorious;" another "Chicago Meets her Waterloo." These things have an old time sound. I inquire and I find that the battery was not at Alexandria or Cold Harbor or Antietam or Vicksburg. Nine men had been hired to go round the country playing ball, as we played ball when we were ten years old. The balls are not cannon balls. The wires are laden with their exploits, as the wires once flashed tidings of battle fields and lists of wounded and of dead: but the issue is now unhappily only the guileless victims who have bet their money on the wrong team.

These are happy facts. Nothing could show more clearly the great work accomplished by soldiers and statesmen a quarter of a century ago, than that this country is so united, so prosperous, and so free from great questions that it can amuse itself with such peaceful matters. There are conflicts about ball games just now because you settled the vital issues. Not that others, which will need principle, firmness and honesty will not come. They will come. Great moral-political questions are rising. They will need as true adhesion as soldiers ever felt. The spirit of the devotion of old, recalled today, honored today, must be reproduced in momentous moral conflicts sure to come. Nor will there fail to be men for the hour. The conflicts find the men. I remember in a court house in Virginia, where John Brown was tried and sentenced, and where I preached in that court room to five hundred Massachusetts soldiers, an old record book in which were two striking entries,—one, "The Mark of Mr. G. Washington, His Sheep," the other, "The Mark of Mr. G. Washington, His Flour," and they describe the marks. He was raising sheep, and managing his grist mill. But for great circumstances, he would have lived and died Mr. G. Washington. Unknown then, a respectable Virginia planter, he had none the less within him the powers of that George Washington whom foreign domination over a great people was to summon from his sheep and his flour, and make the father of his country.

It reminds us of the accelerating rapidity with which the roll of the Grand Army is shortening. A report of the Loyal Legion of Massachusetts made in this, its twentieth year, says that the deaths of officers upon its list were seven in its first five years, twenty-one in its second five, thirty-seven in its third, and fifty-three in its fourth. This increase is partly due to an increased membership, but the reality points significantly to the time when the graves of the fathers will be left to the care of the Sons of Veterans. The great army, with indeed the whole generation which on the one side and on the other, in the clash of arms and the clash of principles fought the gigantic battle of the world, will soon have passed to the final reveille and the final roll-call.

Honored by your invitation to come back to you today, privileged to meet again old comrades in ties which can never be broken, glad to have the grasp of many an honest soldierly hand—I am to speak such thoughts as such an occasion warrants. I am minded to speak to you from the thoughts which cluster around the standpoint of twenty years' advance. We are older and calmer now. Gray hairs predominate. The fever of a war-period has passed. The work which was done is well understood, if it ever can be. Not that we forget. We cannot. Not that our ties can grow weak; they were welded in too strong a fire for that. Not even the lapse of twenty-five years has taken from our dreams the march and battle. Nor can we ever cease to feel a manly, if modest, pride in our own work, and leave its memory as a heritage to our children.

Some time since a friend, in my own profession, seeing in its place this little badge, said, "That is pretty, what did you pay for it?" "Ten cents," said I, "and three years of war-life. Do you want to buy one?"

I. The first thought, then, is already shadowed forth, in the lessened and lessening line of those who served in the army and navy. It is needless to dwell upon this, and I recur to it only to notice the great change in the absence from public influence and attention, of the distinguished soldiers once prominent and honored after their practical retirement. Sherman, the great soldier, the leader of the campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, which, although thrown into shadow by the easier and safer but brilliant march to the sea, was his glory,—still survives. Sheridan, "Dashing Phil," is yet alive, but battling with disease. But where are the commanders of the great Army of the Potomac? Dropped from the roll of the living,—McDowell, its first leader. Hooker, whose name will never cease to be linked with the clouds of precipitous Lookout Mountain. Meade, whose fame is equally bound to glorious Gettysburg. Burnside, whose iron defence of Knoxville, at least, will never be forgotten, and who held an army away from us who were at Chattanooga. That superb soldier, Hancock, and the patient, true-hearted, beloved McClellan, whom some of us recall, when he saved the north at Antietam,—the two whom a United States senator recently mentioned as "Hancock and that other ally of the confederacy, McClellan," and that great soldier born in Virginia, but true to his flag, George H. Thomas—they are all gone. And we can never cease to honor that greatest of volunteers, Logan, "Black Jack," who founded this Memorial Day, that daring commander, with his flashing eye, his generous heart, his sleepless watching. It was my good fortune to be in his council of administration, and to enjoy personal friendship with him. He planned this observance of placing flowers at the graves of comrades; and it had been my good fortune to see that magnificent rider as he led his corps at Resaca; called away all too early before the time when he should have taken the chair of president of the United States. Nor can we fail to remember the unsurpassed sea-king Farragut, of Mobile Bay and the Mississippi; or the unsurpassed Admiral Foote of Fort Henry and Donelson and Island No. Ten. Great men have gone. And who greater among the generals of the world than Ulysses S. Grant, modest, persistent, silent, skilful; the hero in war, the honest, simple-minded president; the admired of the world in his circuit, but whose praises never elated him; whose memory shames the meanness of political abuse and the meaner treachery in his own political party; the great soldier, the great man.

III. We can but recognize to-day, the entire acquiescence of our whole country in the results of the great war. There is no shadow of desire to interfere with the national unity. The work of the soldier was thoroughly done. Scarcely anybody even sentimentally regrets the "lost cause." It is true that a couple of years ago,—and I believe that was the last occasion—there was an outburst in a reception to "one Jefferson Davis" at Montgomery, where in 1861, he had been inaugurated president of a "so-called confederacy." There were some things said there which were irritating to loyal men, some things which were disparaging to loyal men. But these were the natural and nonsensical gush of a sentimental regard for a disappointed old man. It was a significant fact, that that city on that day was thoroughly enveloped in national flags. "The stars and stripes," said a letter from an eye witness, "seemed to be everywhere overhead and from every house." In that enthusiastic city not a single secession flag was exhibited even as a relic. That some men said inconsistent things is not surprising. There is no law requiring men to have common sense. There was not a speaker on that day who would alter if he could, the results of the conflict.

Indeed, as men understand what the "lost cause" was it loses all its glamour. That cause was defined by their vice president, Stephens, in 1861: "African slavery as it exists among us." He said that the "corner-stone of our new government rests upon the great truth that slavery is his natural and normal condition." The "lost cause" was a secession to enable one set of men, without interference or remonstrance, to own a weaker set of men as chattels. I think, perhaps, that I can illustrate the "lost cause" still more plainly. I remember a day in a Virginia town which had been for some time occupied by our troops where a Virginian gentleman beyond the age of military service was summoned before the provost marshal to answer to a complaint of assault and battery. He was an urbane and courteous gentleman, of expansive waistcoat, who most blandly declared to the court that he was utterly unconscious how such a mistake as his summons could have arisen. It appeared, however, that the complainant was a colored man upon whom the gentleman had applied his riding whip. The astonishment of the accused I cannot describe. He looked to the black man and to the officer alternately, and said in a half helpless way: "Assault and battery! Assault and battery! Walloping a nigger assault and battery!" He was informed that that was the case, but was let off by common consent with an admonition that such a thing must not be repeated. I recall how he left the court-room in a half dazed manner, murmuring to himself as he went, "Walloping a nigger assault and battery!" The "lost cause" was simply the right of a white man to wallop a black man, and it has long since ceased to have any respectability. It was never a question of state rights, except to preserve the power of a state to maintain a system of robbery and violence which its advocates knew received the contempt of the whole civilized world.

And there has passed away the foolish assumption that the south lost any property or became any poorer by the emancipation. It used to be said that four thousand millions of property was destroyed by the freeing of four millions of slaves. But this ridiculous assumption is now abandoned. The only change was that instead of one man owning a hundred men, each of the hundred men came to own himself. The property was all there just the same. And necessarily it is much more productive.

I know it may be said that there are not entirely free elections in that part of the land. And I have no doubt this is the case. The principle of independent suffrage lies at the basis of our institutions. There should be no intimidation and there should be no violation of this right by law. "Equality of rights is the first of rights," I have already quoted from Charles Summer. Southern violence will by and by react upon its own people. Wrong doing will certainly work its own penalty. But we remember, for I am speaking to a northern and not a southern audience, that Massachusetts by its constitution deprives of the privilege of voting what constitutes an immense class of those prevented from voting at the south. A mass of ignorant men at the south are driven from the polls by lawless violence. In Massachusetts those who cannot read and write are driven from the polls by the dignity of law. Massachusetts goes farther in its denial of manhood suffrage. It stands almost alone in denying the right of a man to vote unless he has paid a certain sum of money for the privilege; an amount large enough to sacrifice the principle of suffrage and yet so small as to render the whole thing contemptible. Yet little by little, principles become recognized. The denial of right is always hard to overcome. The progress of the past shows us that patience will be rewarded and righteousness prevail.

We stand also to-day, because of the acceptance of the results of the war upon terms of mutual respect, for the valor of soldiers who were once in arms against each other. We do not thereby mean that this country ought ever to forgive the traitorous politicians who plunged it in a sea of blood. But between a soldier and a politician there is a vast difference. When soldiers have laid down their arms they are no longer enemies. When Dr. Luther V. Bell, surgeon of a Massachusetts regiment, was tenderly dressing the wounds of a rebel prisoner, the surprised man said: "But you know I am an enemy!" "No," said the surgeon," you were my enemy. You are my patient." The daring, the endurance of southern soldiers only enhanced the credit due to the soldiers of the nation. A frank and manly surrender takes away bitterness. You may perhaps have forgotten, or some may not have known, that nineteen years ago in your celebration of memorial day, a former confederate brigadier general who had served under Hood in his Tennessee defeat, did at his own request ride in the same carriage with a speaker, because he could honor, he said, the graves of gallant soldiers. And he was treated with the respect due to a soldier equally gallant. No such courtesies with principle properly maintained can violate the honor due to our cause and to our dead.

IV. Nor is there any lack of acknowledgment of the work by which these results were accomplished? On the contrary we have witnessed a growing respect for the memory of the dead and the honor of the living. Instead of forgetfulness, memorial halls and monuments are multiplying. The histories of regiments are being demanded. Women's Relief Corps are multiplying whose ministrations of help remind one of the days when women's hands at home made bandages and clothing and delicacies for the sick; of women who waited patiently, anxiously and in prayer; and of women whose ministrations in hospitals some of us gratefully remember. Pensions are liberally granted by the national government and the tendency is plainly to still greater liberality even to the rapidly coming time when all former soldiers, who may be needy, or the widows of such will be placed upon the list. Nor is this unjust, for there is scarce a man who served any considerable time in the field as vigorous and strong as he otherwise would have been. Their life breaks off easily. Nor do southern men object to liberal pensions for the soldiers of the nation, while claiming nothing for themselves.

We have come to the time as the years have rolled on, when children ask for and eagerly listen to stories of the great war. They drink in the legends of hard marches and camp fires and bivouacs and camp life. They like to hear of hard tack and coffee. They listen to stories of the picket line and of reconnoisances and forage parties. They imagine the strains of martial music and bugle calls and great reviews and fluttering flags. They ask for tales of skirmish fire and cavalry charges and advancing lines and canister and grape shot. They listen to descriptions of the wounded upon stretchers and ambulances and hospitals and burial parties. It is to them a kind of glorious romance. We are now so far away from the time of these things that their sharp outlines have softened. If we think a moment we see that young men born since the war closed have been voters for two years past. It is the fact that the children who were held up in arms to see the soldiers go away are now fathers and mothers, and some of their children ask with eager eyes for stories of the war. The popular demand also in the magazines for careful accounts of events by partakers in them has lately been remarkable. The people have insisted that men should write history who made history.

I do not know, however, that this particular commonwealth has illustrated its respect for its former soldiers by any remarkable political preferences. Having myself been for more than half of this period, as I am now, a resident of another state and of one which has honored its soldiers and honored itself in election to places of trust, I can look upon this thing impartially. What are the facts? I believe that two members of its supreme court saw service in the field. Such service is not a legal qualification but the fact is remarkable. I think that the house of representatives at Boston may have had one speaker who had been a soldier; and I am not sure but that the senate has had one or two such presidents, taking one, indeed from a New Hampshire regiment. I think also that one or two soldiers have serenely hidden in the retired office of lieutenant governor. But in the twenty-two elections of governors since the war this state has given a soldier but a single year of office. Possibly timid people were afraid of the terrible result to our liberties if a military man should become commander in chief of the volunteer militia. When we turn to the house of representatives at Washington we find eleven congresses with eleven or twelve representatives in each, giving us a total of over a hundred and thirty elections. Prior to 1879 I recall the names of two soldiers in congress from Massachusetts. Then in the forty-seventh congress there was one. In the forty-eighth congress another was added to that one. In the forty-ninth congress there were these two and one more soldiers. In the present congress there is one of these three and another, William Coggswell. I believe there have been six in all. As to the office of senator, Massachusetts has found no soldier to whom it could give that honor for a single day in all these years, in which I presume it holds a proud pre-eminence.

I have said there are two soldier representatives in the present delegation. In the present delegation of 12. Alabama is different. Both its senators were soldiers and seven of its eight representatives. South Carolina, against whose Second palmetto flag William Coggswell led the Second Massachusetts at Chancellorsville, sends two soldiers as senators and five soldiers out of its seven representatives, the other two having been 12 and 20 years of age respectively when the war commenced. If it be said that nearly all southern men were in their army, I turn to two western states, Iowa and Kansas. Of the 10 present representatives from Iowa, eight were soldiers; and of the seven present representatives from Kansas, all were soldiers. I repeat in contrast with these figures that Massachusetts sends two out of its 12 representatives. I draw no inferences. I suggest no explanations.

I have said that this state has two veterans in congress. One is Representative Hayden. He was a staff officer in the navy near four years; was at the attack by Sherman on Chicksaw bayou; at the capture of Arkansas post; at the operations about Vicksburg, and its capture; and was with the Red siver expedition. He deserved well of his country.

I have mentioned one of our present representatives, Gen. William Coggswell, as being at Chancellorsville. You will let me recall a remark of his at that place. While Stonewall Jackson was making his movement in front of our lines on Howard's right, one division of the 12th corps, was sent out with others and cut off the last of Jackson's column. Just then the roar of fire proved that he was rolling up the 11th corps. In the return to find a routed force and the exultant army pursuing, Col. Coggswell threw his men across the road in sight of the coming pursuers, faced them into line, stepped forward with sword in hand and in his cool, powerful, ringing, voice said: "Men, I want it understood, if the rebels get up to this regiment, here they stop!" And they did stop. It was the breaking of foam when the wave draws back from rocky cliffs. He was then, as Hooker called him, "a young officer, active, zealous, and brave." He had, earlier, commanded his company, which stood against a cavalry charge led by Stonewall Jackson in person;

and in 1865, at Averysborough with his brigade he pushed the army a mile and a half, out of two lines of breastworks, and into a third, fighting until darkness stopped advance. Yet I do not suppose that in his election to congress his four years' gallant service weighed much, or his severe wounds at Chancellorsville. Fortunately they were joined with the indispensable qualities of mental ability, force and dogged persistence, which the state needs, and which give promise of still greater service from our comrade and former department commander. We may be pardoned if we believe that the same qualities which made him such a soldier as he was are a merit in a legislator.

It is not then in political preferment that the debt due to men who risked life for the flag is paid. In fact, it could not be. But the recognition is seen in the increased and increasing observance of this day. For years now it has been more honored year by year, and doubtless today in our country there is reverent remembrance in countless burial places, such as has not been seen before. In the great cemeteries, where, alas, the occupants are so largely of the "unknown" to all but the sentinel angel which God details for special duty, or in the silent resting places of little groups or of single mounds,—all are sought out for honor. A blended respect for the men and for the cause; a pride in the position which both gave to our lofty and impregnable eminence among the nations of the earth; a pride in the splendor of both achievements and results; a pride even under the hallowed redress of tears in many a solitary life,—all continue to make this day one which no trumpets or flags or fireworks can parallel even in the ancestral July day.

Distance, however, softens in an autumn haze the sharp outlines of single mountains and blends them into unity. Individual service may thus have become in the eye of the community less distinct than the blended whole. It is sufficient for pride to any man, whatever his rank, to be able to say: I served my country in the great war. Such a spirit is illustrated in a letter of one grand soldier, Oliver O. Howard. It was an undeniable fact that immediately after the death of Reynolds, Howard impatiently riding in advance of his moving corps, paused a moment below Cemetery Hill, and said: "There is the place to fight this battle," turned to a splendidly mounted and gallant young staff officer, Capt. Daniel Hall, of New Hampshire, and ordered him to go back and meet the corps, take the nearest battery and nearest brigade of infantry, and place them upon a proper spot upon that little hill, while he himself rode forward to Reynolds' corps. This was done, and that battery remained in that spot through the great battle. When this credit of this selection, which won Getaysburg, was denied to Howard he wrote: "Well, one thing is certain, the rebellion was put down, and we helped to do it." Comrades, the rebellion was put down, and you helped to do it.

A qualified comrade has been assigned to write the history of the national organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic. This can be done, for it is a history of organizations and records. Others have tried to write histories of the great war; this can never be completely done. The writer may describe organizations and movements of columns and results; and if he have genius or inspiration may discover causes and principles and the purpose of God. But the thousand little things which contribute to a single event he cannot compass or discover. The personal life of a single man who carried the musket on a picket line and which was essential he cannot know. The motives which entered into the work of authorities can only be suspected. Much less can be imagined, the sacrifice in many a home, the bravery of many a woman, the feverish devotion of many a citizen. All that can be completely written is the general sweep of history.

Fleets shut up with more or less success on the southern sea coast. A fleet and an army opened the Mississippi. Armies pierced the Cumberland hills, occupied Atlanta and marched to the Atlantic coast. Armies moved to and fro, in fearful battles, in Maryland, lower Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and the crisis ended in a victory at Appomattox. The American flag came to float again supreme over a united people from the great fresh lakes to the salt southern gulf, and from the surf of the Atlantic to the surf of the Pacific. These things we know are true.

Yet there is a record which is not traceable by mortal eye exists in results themselves and visible to the omniscient. All things which contribute to make a result are in that result. The blue veins intermingled in a Damascus sword-blade are the result of a hundred thousand blows in the welding and the tempering. That elastic blade is itself the history of every successive blow as it lay upon the anvil, and of every blazing fire into which it had been plunged. The all-seeing eye looking upon the blade, traces backward from its present condition its history through every instant of time to the steel bar from which it began.

We have not the history of every march in summer or winter: of rest upon the frozen ground, or under the spring rains, of solitary duty in the darkness, or daring duty in the daylight; of battle smoke and shriek of shell or whirr of bullet; of sickness and death; of anxious homes, and fatherless children. But all these things in millions of particulars of sacrifice are included and have their being in the final result. And if you ask for the final record which embodies all these things, they are all included, to the humblest sacrifice of the humblest soldier in thirty-eight stars on a blue field.

At the conclusion of the address the chorus sang "Comrades to Arms," and in response to an encore sang "Tenting Tonight."

Taps were sounded and this concluded the exercises.

Naval Academy Hospital
Dept of Mass. G. A. R.
Bedford. May 31st 1885.

Special Meeting.

Meeting called to order by
C. Jas F. Gifford.

Who stated that
the Meeting was on account of the death
of P. V. C. Wm S. Doyle.

On motion of Comrade Ed. Arnold
it was

Voted That a Committee of 3 be appointed
to make all arrangements for this Post
to attend the funeral. & the following
Committee was appointed
Commander Gifford. Surg Snow. &
A. G. Smith.

Voted without form.

J. W. Hartman,
Adj't.

approved

Head Quarters Mrs. L. Redman Post 1.
Dept of Mass. G.A.R.
New Bedford. June 4th 1888.

Meeting called to order by P.C. Post Comdr Gifford.
The committee to make arrangements
for the funeral of our late P.C. Wm F. Soule
made their report as soon as they had progressed
On motion of S.P. Smith it was
Voted That this post turn out on Monday June 4th
to attend the funeral of our late Comrade
P.C. Wm F. Soule.

Closed without form.

J.H. Redman
Adjt.

Head Quarters Mrs. L. Redman Post 1.
Dept of Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford June 4th 1888.

The Post assembled at 1 o'clock P.M. under
command of P.C. Post Comdr Gifford attended
the funeral of our late Comrade P.C.
Wm F. Soule.

Approved J.H. Redman adj't.

Head Quarters Wm, Chatham.
Post 1, Dept of Mass. V. C. R.
New Bedford, June 6th 1888.

Meeting called to order by P.C. Lieut. Gifford

Officers Present.

P.C. H. A. Colwell. Lieut. C. C. L. Chamberlain
Adjt I. M. Pitcham Lieut. 2 M. C. S. Burgess.
Surg. R. H. Shaw. Asst Surg. H. A. Barnes.
C. G. J. Donaghy C. J. F. F. Smith.
P. M. J. A. Arnold Lieut. M. S. J. Carter.

Records of last Meeting read & approved.

Sick.

Comrade Mathews. Improveing.
" Keaves About the same as last reported

Visit to sick call
Visit to Mathews by Comrade C. E.
" " " Keaves Commander Gifford

P.C. Wm. I. Teale was reported as dead since our last Meeting
The Commander ordered the Officers to wear the usual badge of mourning & the Charter draped in mourning for 30 days
Applications of Lieut Richard T. Richard D. Mackey for membership in this Post was received & referred to the

following Committee on investigation, on
the application of Geo H. Richards.
C. L. Donaghy C. J. Smith & Wm Chamberlain,
On the application of Willard A Hatch.
Catchap Jones. King Snow. & Wm Walsh.

Report of Committee.

The treasurer of the Memorial Day Committee
reported that the expences exceed the appropriation
by sum of $7.00

The Committee upon the removal of A. J. Cole
was not ready to report. & they were given [illegible]
more time.

Unfinished.

On motion of Comrade Clough it was
Voted that the resignation of the Chaplain be
accepted.

On motion of Comrade Clough it was
Voted to open the Nominating list for Chaplain. &
Chas H Crocker & H H James were Nominated.

On motion of C. J. Smith the matter of
Nominating Asst. C. was laid on the table
for 1 week.

Lt Col. H request for the month of May
was read & referred to the Auditing Committee.

Carried

On motion of Com Gough it was
that the request of Lt. Col. H. Cadets. for the use of our
tables be granted.

An invitation from the City Council Committee
to parade on the 4th of July and an invitation
of Com Gough
Carried to lay on the table for 1 week.

The following list of delinquents members
was read (Comrades Wing, Clark, Sawyer
Chas & Allen.
Carried That the Commander be a Committee of
One to procure a picture of our late
Comrade A. T. C. Foulk. & have it placed
on the wall of this Hall.

On motion of C. F. Smith it was
Carried That Comrade Allen dues be remitted
to July 1st 1888.

C. E. Henry Treasurer of Post 202
New York made some Interesting remarks
Post also recited the Letter of
Colonel Mountain.

On motion of [illegible] it was
Voted that a vote of thanks be given Capt H.C. Hathaway
for the use of Cigars given the last Numerical day.

Bills.

Wm. Howard. F.H. visit Iron Works, L. Buckley.
Cigars. Mercury, sub to. C.H. Hammer was read
& ordered paid on approval of the finance
Committee.

President.

(Closed in form.

E.T. Hartman.)

[illegible] Capt.

[illegible]
Asst. Supt

Approved.

Head Quarters H.M.S. Caledonia Port of Mars. 7.C.K. Rochford June 13th 1888.

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo. Gifford.

Officers present.

P.C. C.P. Colwell C.K. P.C. J.C. Chamberlain
Sergt. H.H. Hartman. P.C. H.J. Burgess
Surg. K.W. Knox. Capt. Wm. James.
C.D. Donaghy C.G. Wm. Smith
P.C. P.M. Popham. P.C. J. Marble
P.C. H.A. Hudson.

Records of last Meeting read & approved

Sick

Comrade Reade. No improvement
" Mathews Improving
" Reported sick
" Adams " "

Visit Comrade Comin C.C. 7.C.K.

Order of

The proceedings, proceedings & sentence in the trial by Court Martial of Comrade E.B.

Citizen are approved the 14 & he is dishonorably discharged & dismissed from the Grand Army of the Republic.

Report of Committees

The Committee on the application of William H Mosher all reported favorable & on balloting he was declared elected a member of this Post.

The committee on the application of Jos H Richards reported that they were unable to act upon said application from motion of the 2 ll it was
Voted to give the committee back further time.

The auditing committee reported that they had examined the 2 ll account for the month of May & found them correct & recommended the same, on motion of Bro Gray it was
Voted that the report be received & placed on file.

The Committee to obtain a picture of our late J. V. C. H. F. Faulk made a partial report.

Voted that the Committee to make arrangements for the funeral of our late J. V. C. Jo ... have time to make there report.

Unfinished Business.

Voted — On Motion of Com Gough it was that we take the invitation from the City Committee of the City Government to parade on July 4th be taken from the Table.

Voted — On Motion of Com Moon it was to lay it on the Table for 1 week.

Voted — On Motion of Com Walsh it was that a notice be published in the daily papers calling the attention of the Comrades to important business at our next meeting.

Voted — On Motion of the J.V.C it was that the Nomination for S.V.C be taken from the Table.

Voted — On Motion of Com Gough it was that we proceed to Nominate for S.V.C Each following Nomination was made (Lt P.H. Hartman) Com P.H. Snow S.V.C C.P. Caswell. On it was Voted that the list be closed.

The Commander Notified the Post that at our next Meeting there would be an Election of a S.V.C

Dec 2nd 1884.

On motion of A. G. Smith it was
Voted that we now proceed to the election of a Chaplain
On motion of A. J. Hanson it was
Voted that the Adjt distribute ballot papers bearing the
name of Comrade Rev H. D. James for Chaplain
Rev H. D. James was declared elected Chaplain
for the remainder of the term.

Communication from Comrade Hoag
was read by the Adjt.

The Commander appointed Com A. H. Baker
one of the trustees on Annual donations
in place of H. D. Hazen honorable discharged

Remarks was made by Watching Comrade

A letter was read from Mrs Wm. T. Lauder
thanking the Post for Courtesies to our late
Comrade A. C. W. T. Lauder.

A Communication from Bristol Co. Asst
was received announcing that they would
meet with this Post July 11th 1885.

Bills
Chas H. Gilbert was read & ordered Paid on
approval of the ~~auditing~~ finance Com.

Ira Brent 34.

Cloud in Jam.

J. W. Hartman) 4641.

C/Married

Meeting called to order by Lt. Geo. F. Hyde C.

Officers present.

Lt. C. H. F. Caldwell, 4th U. S. C., Geo. A. Clough 1st
Capt. W. T. Emery 2d U. S. C., Burbeck
Lieut. C. W. Snow, Capt. H. B. Jones
C. B. Jennings C. J. C. J. Smith
J. H. Phillips 2d U. S. C., J. Marble.
J. J. J. A. Wilcox 4th

Records of last Meeting read & approved.

Sick

Comrade reads reported absent on account of same.

" Mathews " " " "
" Perrin " Corp Sick
" Lacey " Sick

Present on Sick

" " Comrade Mathews, Corp Benjamin 4th U. S.
" " " Perrin Chas. James 1st Regt.
" " " Lacey Corp Edward 4 U. S.

Comrade Perrin on Sick list from last

the Committee on the application of Jno H Richards all reported favorable & on balloting he was declared elected.

Willard L. Mosher & Jno H Richards were duly Mustered as Comrades of this Post.

Report of Com.

The Committee on the funeral of our late Comrade H. V. Soule made the following report & bills contracted

Co E. 5th Regt. & B Corps	28.00
Harwood Florist	5.00

Lea Pressprich, A. H. Thomas & F. Smith.
Committee

Comrade Adams

On Motion of Com Chamberlain it was Voted to proceed to the election of a Jr. V. C.

On Motion of J. H. it was Voted that a Committee of 3 be appointed to collect, count & report votes for Jr. V. C. Comrades Adams, Simmons & Hawes were appointed on that Com.

Whole No of Votes	51 Votes
Necessary for a choice	26 "
Wm Hartman	27 "
H. C. Coburn	24 "

ing Snow had 12 votes
Bro Capt Bachman, was declared elected S.W. for the remainder of the term.

Capt Chas H. D. Barnes was installed by the Commander as Chaplain of this Post.

Capt Bachman) asked the loan of the Table belonging to the Post for the 4th of July Which request was granted.

Voted On motion of Com Hough it was that during the months of July Aug & Sept. we muster only on the last stated meeting of each month.

Voted On Motion of Com it was that a vote of thanks be given Mrs E. D. Swan for Making Mourning drapery for the Post Chair & Charter.

Voted On Motion of Com Chamberlain it was that we drape the Charter for 30 days.

Voted On motion of Com Colwell it was that we drape the charter in Mourning for all Comrades who die hereafter.

Bill
of H. C. Bissp was ordered paid on
Approval of finance Com.

No Present 51.

Closed in form.

J. H. Eastman

Secy.

Approved.

Head Qr Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass
G.A.R. New Bedford June 27th 1876
Meeting called to order by P.C. Geo S. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. - A. F. Caldwell act - J.V.C. - A. E. Chamberlain act
Adjt - L. W. Footman - Q.M. - E. T. Burgess
Surg - R. W. Snow - Chap - H. B. Ames
O.D. - J. Donoghu - O.G. H. E. Hossom - act
S.M. - M. Topham - Q.M.S. - L. Marble
S.G. - G. H. Clough act

Records of last meeting were read and approved

ORDERS

Gen Ods #8 from National Hd Qrs was read and placed on file -

SICK

Comrades - Keeves and Matheus reported improving - Comrade Perrin - more comfortable
Comrade Geo Miller was reported not able to work and would like assistance -
Voted On motion of the Q.M. That the case be refered to relief Committee of Ward 1.
Comrade Hussey was pladed on benefit from to night.
Samuel H. Dowd was reported as a deserving sailor and in destitute circumstances -
Voted On motion of Comrade Clough that the case be refered to Wm Logan Rodman W.R.C. #53.

Comrad Denham of Fairhaven reported sick

To visit Reeves - O.C - A. J. Smith
" " Mathews O.D - J Donoghy - G. H. Clough
" " Perrin - Com Chamberlain - Adjt
" " Hussey - Chas James - J. V. C. Caldwell

Applications for membership in this Post was received from Geo R. Jones and Freeman K Cottle and refered to the following Committees for investigation
On that of Jones - Com Hawes - Surg Snow
O.D. Donoghu
On that of Cottle - Com. Clough. Wilcox - Benjamin -

The Committees on the Applications of Geo K Jones and Freeman K. Cottle - all reported favorable - and on ballots they were elected (a special dispensation being granted from Hd Qts -)

Geo K. Jones and Freeman K. Cottle were mustered as members of this Post

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Memorial Day Committee made their report
Voted On motion of Com Clough that the report be received and the deficiency existing be paid from Post fund

NEW BUSINESS

Communication from Hd Qts Dept Mass with following sections of our by-laws - unapproved was received. Art 3d - Art 12th Sec 2 - Art 14th

Voted On motion of Act S.V.C. Caldwell - that a Committee of three - (the Com. to be me) to make arrangements to receive the Bristol County Asso July 11th the com. appointed Comrade Clough and S.M. Topham

Voted On motion of Flood - that we deem it inexpedient to accept the invitation of the City Council Committee to parade July 4th

Voted On motion of Q.M. - that the property of the Post be not loaned July 4th 1888

John W. Footman was installed as S.V.C. of this Post.

Philip M. Topham was appointed Adjt to be installed at next regular meeting.

Voted On motion of Q.M. - That a special meeting be held July 6th - a call to be published in the daily papers and the purpose of the meeting -

Voted That the ante-room be opened and the flag be displayed July 4th

Bill of F. R. Slocum - was read and ordered paid on approval of Finance Committee -

Voted On motion of O. H - , that the reading of the records of the evening be dispenced with -

No present 36

Closed in form

Phil M Topham

Act Adjt.

H. A. 2 t's Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G.A.R

New Bedford July 6th 1888.

SPECIAL MEETING

Called to order by P.C - Geo P. Gifford, who stated that the meeting was called to appoint delegates to attend the quarterly meeting of the Bristol Co Asso which meets with this Post Wed July 11th - The following Comrades were appointed - S.V.C - J.H. Footman - J.V.C. A. F Caldwell - Adjt P.M. Topham - CHAP. H. B. James O.G. A.L. Smith - Comrades J. L. Wilber - P. H. King P. Walsh - Wm Oesting. S. H. Dannon

Voted On motion of O.M Burgess that the delegates have power to fill vacancies in case they cannot attend

Voted On motion of J.V.C. Caldwell - that the committee appointed to make arrangements furnish a dinner - the bills to be paid by the Post.

Closed without form Phil. M Topham

Act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass
G.A.R. New Bedford July 11th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo P. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C.	J. W. Footman	J.V.C.	A. F. Caldwell
ADJT	P. M. Topham	Q.M.	E. T. Burgess
SURG	G.A. Taylor act	CHAP	H. B. Lames
O.D.	J. Donoghy	O.G.	G. H. Clough act
S.M.	Wm Hawes act	Q.M.S.	J. Marble
	S.G.	J. H. Wilcox act	

Records of last meetings were read and approved

SICK

Comrades Reeves - Perrin and Hussey improving
Comrade Mathews about the same
Comrades Mathews and Miller were placed on the benefit to date from July 11th

To visit Comrade Reeves - Commander Gifford
" " " Mathews - O.D. Donoghy - Com Clough
" " " Perrin - Com. Benjamin and Flood
" " " Miller " Walsh - Edwin Smith
" " " Hussey O.G. Smith S.V.C. Footman.

Report of Committees

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Delegates to the Bristol Co Association made their report –

VOTED On motion of Q.G. A. J. Smith that the report be accepted –

The Committee appointed to procure a picture of our late S.V.C. Wm F. Soule made their report.

Voted On motion of the Q.M. – that the report be received and the picture be hung on the wall of this hall

A picture of our late S.V.C. Wm F. Soule was presented to the Post by Mr Geo F. Parlow

VOTED On motion of O.G. Smith – That it be returned to the donor as he did not do as agreed – with the thanks of the Post –

New Business

The resignation of H. C. Hosson as Sergeant of the Guard of this Post was received

Relief Report of Wm Logan Rodman, W.R.C # 53 for the quarter ending June 30th was read and placed on file –

Commander Gifford in behalf of the Dele gates to the Bristol Co Association made a report -

VOTE II

On motion of O.C. A.L. Smith - That a written vote of thanks be sent to Wm Logan Rodman W.R. C. #53 for their valuable assistance rendered at the colation prepared for the Bristol Co. Asso, and also for the entertainment furnished

Q.M. Burgess report for the month of June also quarterly reports for the quarter ending June 30th was read and refered to auditing Committee -

Comrade G.H. Clough gave notice that two weeks from to night he should move the follow ing amendments to the By Laws viz

To strike out Art III

To amend Art V - by striking out the words two-thirds and inserting the word majority -

By defining the duties of the Auditing Committee

By changing Art XIV in regard to arrea rages so that it shall conform to the National Rules and Regulations,

To amend Art XVI by striking out the word shall and inserting the words may be.

Circular from Lincoln Post #1 Martinsburg W. V. was read.

Philip M. Topsham was installed as Adjutant and Wm Hawes as Sergeant Major by Commander Geo S. Gifford.

VOTED On motion of S.V.C. Caldwell. That a committee of seven (7) (the Commander to be one) be appointed to make arrangements for Labor Day and that the Commander have one weeks time to appoint the Committee

BILLS

Of Geo S. Gifford _ Wm Hawes. J. Buckley J. W. Footman C. T. Burgess - E. Anthony & Sons Mercury Pub Co. were read

VOTED On motion of O.D. Donoghy that the several bills be paid on the approval of the finance Committee.

VOTED On motion of the O.D. - That we extend a vote of thanks to Orient Lodge for use of hall also to Miss Kate Sweet for her readings.

No of Comrades present 38.

Closed in form

Phil M Topsham

Adj't.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 - Dept Mass - G.A.R
New Bedford July 18th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Gen. S. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C - A.F. Caldwell act - J.V.C. S.C. Chamberlain act
ADJT - S.M. Topham - Q.M. - E.T. Burgess -
SURG - R.W. Snow - CHAP - H.B. James -
O.D. - J. Donoghy - O.G. - G.H. Clough - act
S.M. - W. Hawes - Q.M.S. - J. Marble -

Records of last meeting were read and approved

SICK

Comrades - Reeves - Mathews - Perrin - Miller. Hussey all improving -

Comrade Reeves was declared off the benefit to date from to night -

To visit Comrade Mathews - Comrades Mitchel - Braley
" " " Perrin - Weaver - CHAP James -
" " " Miller - Bowman - Wm Hatch.
" " " Hussey - J.V.C. Caldwell - O.D. Donoghy.

The application of Emley Davis for membership in this Post was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation -

Comrades - Arnold - Braley - J.V.C. Caldwell -

The application of John H. Roberts for membership in this Post by transfer was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation Adjt Topham - S.M. - Hawes - Q.M.S. - Marble -

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Auditing Committee reported they had examined the Q.M. report for the month of June also quarterly reports for the quarter ending June 30th and found them correct had approved the same -

VOTED That the report be accepted and placed on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Commander appointed the following Committee to make arrangements for Labor Day - J.V.C. Caldwell - Sorg - Snow - O.H. - Donoghy - Comrades Bartel - Clough and F.P. Washburn -

NEW BUSINESS

A communication from Wm Logan Rudman W.R.C #53 was read stating - " that the statment that appeared in the Standard of July 12th to the effect that the Woman's Relief Corps of this city will call on the public for means to provide a dinner for the Comrades at the parade in September was entirely without authority from this Corps and we regret that we are made to appear to be interfering with the affairs of Post / in such a manner.

A circular from the Office of the National Tribune of Washington D. C. asking for contributions towards a monument to be erected to Genl John A Logan, was read—

A bill for washing for Comrade Sirrin was read by the Q. M—

Comrade Clough moved that $25.00 be transferred from Post fund to Watchers fund to pay the bill amended by Q.M—that as $6.25 remained in watchers fund the balance of the bill be taken from Post fund. The motion was adopted as amended—

The Committee to make arrangements for the reception of the Bristol Co Asso—reported that they had .25¢ remaining in their hands—

VOTED On motion of O.H—Donoghy that it be placed in the Camp-fire fund—

VOTED On motion of Comrade Clough—that the Q.M have the table cloths washed and put in shape

Comrade Arnold moved that we donate $25.00 to the Gen John A. Logan—monument fund

BILLS

N.B. Water Works—That the action of the Q.M in paying the bill be approved

Bill of O. Davis - Sexton of Rural Cemetery - be paid from Soldiers Lot fund on approval of Finance Committee -

Bill of E. L. Butler - was on motion of G. St - ordered paid from Watchers fund

No Comrades present 37

Closed in form

Phil. M. Hopsham.
Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G.A.R.
New Bedford July 25th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo. P. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. J.W. Footman	J.V.C. A.J. Caldwell
Asst. P.M. Topham	Q.M. C.T. Burgess
Surg. R.W. Snow	Chap. H.C. B. James
O.D. L. Donoghy	O.G. G.H. Clough act
S.M. Wm Hawes	Q.M.S. J. Marble

Records of the last meeting were read and approved

SICK

Comrades Reeves and Hussey improving -
Comrade Mathews - not quite as well.
" Serrin - very well.
" Miller - not able to work.

Comrade Serrin was declared off benefit -

Committee on the application of Emley Davis to become a member of this Post all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected - (for membership
Committee on the application of John H. Roberts, by transfer all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected -

Emley Davis was duly mustered as a member of this Post.

The application of John D. Sullivan for reinstatement in this Post was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation.
Comrades - F. A. Cottle - S. C. Chamberlain and Surg. R. W. Snow.

Unfinished Business

The following amendments were made in the By-Laws - due notice having been given by Comrade G. H. Clough -
To strick out Art III
To strick out the words "two-thirds" in Art V and insert the word "majority"
By defining the duties of the auditing Committee
By changing Art XIV in regard to arrearges so they shall conform to the National Rules and Regulations -
To change Art XVI - by striking out the word "shall" and inserting the words "may be"

New Business -

Voted — On motion of S.V.C. Footman - that the Q.M. purchase four pairs of white gloves for the use of the Guard

Voted — On motion of Comrade Clough that four Comrades be added to Committee on Labor Day

The Commander appointed Q.M. Burgess - Comrades E.K. Bly - P. Walsh and S.V.C. Footman.
O.C. A.J. Smith was appointed as one of the Committee in place of Comrade F.P. Washburn who declined to serve -

VOTED On motion of Comrade G.A. Taylor - that the Q.M. have the clock repaired

A communication from Wm L. Shultz was read in relation to placing upon the stage the military comedy drama "Custer's Last Shot"

VOTED On motion of Comrade Clough - that the Post do not think it advisable to take any action in the matter

Number of Comrades present 32

Closed in Form

Fred M Fosgham
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass
C.A.R. New Bedford Aug 1st 1888.

Meeting called to order by
S.V.C. J. W. Foulmans.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

S.V.C. J. E. Chamberlain Act. J.V.C. L. F. Tripp Act.
Adjt. P. M. Topham. - Q.M. E. S. Burgess.
Surg. R. W. Snow - Chap. H. B. Jones.
O.D. L. Donaghy. - O.G. A. L. Smith.
S.M. W. Hawes - O.M.S. J. Marble.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved

SICK

Comrade Reeves - getting along nicely
" Mathews - much improved
" Perrin - gaining rapidly
" Miller - in very bad condition

Commander Geo. P. Gifford was reported as having been quite sick but was somewhat better.

Relief Committee of Ward One reported that comrade Peters had applied for assistance and he had given him an order for groceries to the amount of $2.00.

Vo. 12 H

That Comrade Wilber and the Commander be a committee to investigate the case of comrade Peters.

The Committee on the application of John D. Sullivan for reinstatement in this Post all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected.

VOTED On motion of O.D. Smith - that the rules be suspended and that John D. Sullivan be reinstated at this meeting.

John D. Sullivan was reinstated as a member of this Post.

The application of Albert Winters for membership in this Post was read and refered to the following Committee for investigation.
Comrades. J.B. Alton. H.A. Trifft. G.H. Clough

O.C. - A.J. Smith of the Committee on Labor Day - aequested that all who would assist the Committee at the clam-bake to give their names to the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTED On motion of Comrade Clough that a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain the cost of lighting this hall with electric lights

Comrades - Clough - Wilber - and John Smith were appointed.

Bills

Of N.B. Gas Light Co- Wm W. Crapo- J. Buckley Mrs Mary A. Wood- was read and ordered paid on the approval of the Finance Committee.

Voted On motion of O.C. A.J. Smith that the reading of the records of the evening be dispensed with

Number of Comrades 41
Closed in form
Phil. M. Topham
Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Aug 6th 1888

Special Meeting

Called to order by P.C. Geo S. Gifford, who stated that the meeting was called to take action upon the death of Genl Philip H Sheridan who died at Nonquit last evening. The Commander also stated that hearing of his death early this morning he immediately telephoned to Col M.V. Sheridan at Nonquit offering the services of a Guard of Honor and also dispatched on the first boat to Nonquit a messenger to offer any assistance that was required.

Voted On motion of the Q.M. That the first three Officers of the Post be a Committee to make such arrangements as desired by the relatives or those in charge. Closed without form. Phil. M. Topham, Adjt.

Hd Qts Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G. A. R.
New Bedford Aug 8th 1888

At 4.30 P.M. 95 Comrades of this assembled at this hall and under Command of S.V.C. L. W Footman marched to the Steam Boat wharf to receive the remains of Genl Philip H. Sheridan which arrived from Nonquit at 6 P.M. after which they returned to the hall and were dismissed.

The following comrades of this Post acted as a Guard of Honor from Nonquit.

Commander Geo S. Gifford

Edwin Emory	L. L. Wilber
S. W. Cook	J. Donaghy
Wm Sanders	F. E. Chamberlain

Phil. M. Tobsham
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R
New Bedford Aug 8th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo P. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. J.W. Footman	J.V.C. A.F. Eaton
Asst P.M. Topham	Q.M. E.T. Burgess
Surg. L. Smith Act	Chap. E.B. Lawes
O.D. L. Donoghy	O.G. A.J. Smith
S.M. W. Hawes	Q.M.S. L. Marble

Records of the last meetings were read and approved

The By Laws of this Post were returned from Head Quarters approved

STOCK

Comrade Mathews reported somewhat improved
" Miller - about the same
" Hussey - had returned to work
" Chas. Morse quite sick
" Hussey was declared off the benefit to date Aug 1st

To visit Comrade Mathews - Comrades Tompkins - Cottle
" " " Miller " Smith - Parkenson
" " " Morse " Carpenter - Dunham

John H. Roberts was admitted as a member of this Post by transfer from "Nathaniel Lyon" Post #61 Dept Mass-

The applications of Wm G Dunham and Chas E. Godfrey for membership in this Post was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation. On that of Dunham - Comrades Cook - Footman - Atwood - On that of Godfrey - Comrades Chamberlain Benjamin O'Donoghy -

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Committee appointed to assertain the cost to light this hall with electric lights made their report.

VOTED On motion of O.C. A.J. Smith that the report be received and placed on file.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the funeral of Genl Philip H. Sheridan stated that they was not ready to report

VOTED On motion of Comrade G.H. Clough that the Committee to investigate the case of Comrade Peters have one weeks further time-

New Business

The Quarter Masters report for the month of July was read and refered to the Auditing Committee.

The resignation of A. J. Smith as Officer of the Guard of this Post was received.

Voted — On motion of Comrade E. H. Bly that the resignation be accepted.

O.G. A. J. Smith and Comrades Bly Clough Walsh and Bartel, declined to serve longer on the Committee on Labor-day and Comrades Drummer Cain W. H. Atwood Cook Wady Wilber were appointed in their places

The Commande notified the Post that two weeks from to night there would be an election for an Officer of the Guard.

An invitation from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Wm Logan Rodman W.R.C. # 53 to attend a chowder party at River View Park Aug 14th was read.

Voted — On motion of H. C. Hosson. The invitation was received with thanks.

VOTED On motion of J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell that a Committee of two be appointed to make arrangements to hold a memorial service for the late Genl Philip H. Sheridan, Sunday Aug 12th Comrades Wm Sanders 2nd & T.W. Cook were appointed

Bills of Sanders & Barrows T.E. Sherman were read and on motion of O.M. L. Donogby was ordered paid on the approval of the finance Committee

Number Comrades present 35

Closed in form

Phil H Topham
Adjutant.

Hd Qts Wm Logan Rodman Post Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Aug 10th 1888

SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by P.C. Geo S. Gifford who stated the meeting was called to take action to attend the memorial services for the late Genl Philip H. Sheridan to be held to morrow (Saturday) Aug 11th at 11 o'clock A.M. at the North Congregational Church.

VOTED On motion of the Q.M. that the action of the Commander in appointing the Committee without consulting the Post, be sustained.

The following Comrades compose the Committee Com^r Geo P. Gifford. J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell. O.D. J. Donoghy. Comrades Emory. Cook. Chapman and Crooker.

VOTED On motion of Comrade E.W. Crooker. that the Post meet at this hall Saturday Aug 11th at 10.30 A.M. in full uniform to attend the Memorial services at the North ~~Congregational~~ Christian Church.

Closed without form

Phil M Tolham
Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R
New Bedford Aug 11th 1888

At 10.30 A.M. thirty-six Comrades met at the hall and under command of P.C. Geo P. Gifford, to the tap of a muffled drum and with colors draped in mourning, marched to the North Christian Church where they were escorted to reserved seats in the body of the church, the colors of the Post being placed on each side of the pulpit. Over the platform on the wall was a picture of the deceased General draped with black crape. The desk and front of choir gallery were neatly decorated with black and U.S. flags. The gas burners were draped with simple black.

The Service opened with Chopins funeral March Alderman Stephen A. Brownell. presided

Prayer was offered by Rev Angelo Canoll
The Rhienbeck Club then sang "Nearer my God to thee"
Rev F. H. Hasson of Fairhaven read appropriate selections from the scriptures.
Rev M. S. Kaufman was first introduced

He spoke of Sheridan as an able and brave general who sent shocks of terror into the enemy's ranks, and who cheered and invigorated the Union army. In was allotted to him, born in Ohio, to die in his chosen cottage by the sea in Massachusetts. He enjoyed military honor given in this country before to only Washington, Grant and Sherman. He was of Celtic origin, and of a race famous for its distinguished men. Grant said he was a man to command a great army. He was only 33 or 34 years of age when he won his great battles. He captured 205 battle flags, which were nearly as many as those taken by all other divisions of the army in the great civil war. He took so many cannon that his soldiers said the rebels were shipping artillery from Richmond to P. H. Sheridan in care of Gen. Early. One of his dispatches said properly that he had sent the enemy whirling through Winchester. Later, miles away from his army on his way to the front, he arrived at the battlefield in time to turn its tide gloriously, for which Grant ordered a salute of a hundred guns in the Army of the Potomac, Lincoln wrote him a congratulatory letter, and Congress passed a resolution of thanks. May the death of this great soldier be blessed in the name of patriotism, charity and brotherly love, to the strengthening of the nation.

The choir then sang "Companions in Arms"

Rev. S. Wright Butler was next announced. Mr. Butler spoke of the glorious mausoleum to Napoleon in the Church of the Invalides. He described the splendor of the building, and told how he is reverenced by the French people for his mighty deeds in arms, for the glory of the army, and how they love to speak of him as the Little Corporal. As the procession moves to-day over the aqueduct bridge and up the heights of Arlington, our respect to the dead is best expressed in calling him our Little Phil, though entitled to be known as General of the army. His soldiers loved him, and would bound to death at his word. He knows them this morning, and they know Little Phil again if the word of the Captain of our salvation is true. His sociability, his comradeship, are to be noted, and he is well buried with his loved soldiers. Yet he was nervous and embarrassed in formal festivities, though he feared no enemy. Not long ago, at a meeting at the Parker House, Mr. Butler remembered that he scarcely knew what to say. Among those present were William T. Soule and Abner H. Davis, whose funerals have recently crowded this house. When Mr. Davis was presented to him, he could think of nothing to say except, "I think you could stop a minie bullet." But though constrained at such times, he was no less glad to see his friends. The war is over; the veterans of the blue and the gray are fraternizing everywhere, and the question of who shall command our armies in the future is of small moment. We are not in as much danger from foes in arms as we are from a misused or an unused ballot.

The services were then brought to a close by the singing of "America" by the choir and congregation and the benediction pronounced by the Rev J. H. Coe, after which the Post returned to the hall and were dismissed. The services were excellent in their character and the addresses were universally commended for their ability. The singing was excellent and highly appreciated.

Paul M Topham
Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Aug 15th 1888

Meeting called to order by P.C. Gen S. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. W. F. Caldwell - act	J.V.C. - G. H. Carpenter act
Adjt. P. M. Topham	Q.M. E. T. Burgess
Surg. R. W. Snow	Chap. H. B. James
O.D. J. Donoghy	O.G. A. Braley - act
S.M. W. Hawes	Q.M.S. J. Marble.

Records of last meetings were read and approved

ORDERS

Genl Orders #9 from National H'd Q's, also roster of the Officers of National Encampment was read and placed on file.

SICK

Comrade A. J. Matthews - Worse -
" Geo Miller - About the same.
" Chas Morse - Much better.
" 's James Hacking and A. R. Morse were reported sick -

To visit Comrade Matthews - Attwd - Coltte
" " " Miller - Hatch - Peice
" " " Chas Morse - Carpenter
" " " Hacking - Black
" " " A. R. Morse - Braley - O.H. Donoghy

Comrade Chas Morse was placed on benefit from to night.

The committee on the application of Wm G. Dunham for membership all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected -

The Committee on the application of Chas E. Godfrey for membership made a majority report -

VOTED On motion of H. R. Coltte - that the report be accepted -
On a ballot he was elected

The application of Edwin A Wright for reinstatement was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation. J. V. C Caldwell - Attwd - O.H. Donoghy

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Auditing Committee reported, that they had examined the Quartermasters report for the month of July and found it correct, had approved the same -

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the funeral of Genl Philip H. Sheridan made their report -

VOTED On motion of SORO - that the report be accepted

The Committee on Labor Day reported that they are progressing finely -

NEW BUSINESS.

The 2. M's request for the use of this hall on the afternoon of Sept 28th for the business meeting of the Survivors of the 23rd Mass Inft was granted free of cost -

VOTED On motion of O.H. J. Donoghy - that a nominating list be opened for an Officer of the Guard

The following were nomited. Geo H. Carpenter H.E. Hosson - F.L. Cottle - H.R. Tripp -

VOTED On motion of Comrade A. Braley that the list be closed.

On motion of C. M. E. S. Burgess that this hall and Ante-rooms be lighted with the "Westinghouse" system of electric Lights and it was - Voted. On motion of Comrade John Smith to lay the whole matter on the table until the first meeting in September.

Bill of E. M. Pierce was read, and ordered to be paid on the approval of the Finance Committee

Voted On motion of C. H. J. Donoghy the reading of records of the evening was dispenced with.

No Comrades present 29

Closed in form

Sid M Topham

Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Aug 22d 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo S Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C.	J. W. Footman	J.V.C.	A. F. Caldwell
Adjt	P.M. Topham	Q.M.	E. F. Burgess
Surg.	R. W. Snow	Chap.	H. B. James
O.D.	J. Donoghy	O.G.	A. J. Smith
S.M.	W. Hawes	Q.M.S.	J. Marble

Records of the last meeting were read and approved

ORDERS

Genl Ods Nos 10 & 11 from Nat Hd Qts and No 4 from Dept Hd Qts was read, and placed on file

SICK

Comrade A. J. Mathews - Comfortable
" Geo. Miller - At work part of the time
" Chas. Morse - Improving
" A. R. Morse - Better
" J. F. Adams - About the same
" Chas Kasmire - Reported sick.

Com'r Gifford reported that Comrade Jas Hacking is to be sent to the Soldiers Home Chelsea

Comrade Geo. Miller was declared from the benefit from to night-

To visit Comrade Mathews - S.V.C and Simmons
" " " Chas Morse - Alton + F.S. Morse
" " " Krasmire - S.V.C and Luscomb
" " " Adams - Carpenter - S.F. Tripp

Committee on the application of Edwin A. Wright for reinstatement - all reported favorably and by ballot he was elected.

Committee on application of Albert Winters for membership all reported favorably and by ballot he was elected -

Reports of Committees

The Committee on Labor Day reported verbally that their arrangements were nearly completed

The Committee appointed to investigate the case of Comrade Peters reported that he was not in need of assistance at present -

New Business

VOTED On motion of A.J. Smith that we now proceed to the election of an Officer of the Guard, and that a committee of three (3) be appointed to collect sort and count votes.

Comrades Edwin Smith - L. C. Simmons and Jas F Tripps were appointed -

The result was as follows -

Whole number of votes		44
F. R. Tottle had	25.	
H. C. Slosson "	11	
H. R. Tripps "	7	
G. H. Carpenter "	1	44

Comrade F. R. Tottle was declared elected -

Interesting letters from Comrade A. S. Eastman was read by the Commander

A letter from Rev G. W. Andrews in behalf of a Soldiers widow asking for information was read -

Comrade E. R. Prior of Post 106 made some remarks and also presented for investigation a military drama which he wished to put upon the stage

VOTED On motion of Sr V.C. Snow - That a Committee of three (3) be appointed to examine the drama and report at some subsequent meeting -
Comrades - E. W. Snow - W. H. Atwood & L. Simmons were appointed -

VOTED That the reading of the records be dispensed with.
No present 44. Closed in form - Phil. H Tobham Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Todman 1st Dept Mass
G. A. R. New Bedford Aug 29th 1887

Meeting called to order by P.C. Geo. P. Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. L. W. Footman J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell
Adjt. P. M. Topham Q.M. E. T. Burgess
Surg. E. C. Simmons act Chap. H. B. Laines
O.D. J. Donoghy O.G. A. C. Smith
S.M. A. Braley act Q.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

General Orders #5 from Dept Head Quarters was read and placed on file

SICK

A. L. Mathews - Not as well
Chas Morse Improving
J. T. Adams - "
C. Kasmire - "
Comrade Adams was placed on benefit from to night.
To visit A. L. Mathers - Benjamin and Brayton
" " Chas Morse - L. T. Trisk
" " J. T. Adams - Alton and Carpenter.
" " Kasmire - Hall and Parkenson.

Albert Hunters and Chas E. Godfrey were mustered and Edwin A Wright was reinstated as members of this Post.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on "Labor Day" reported that all their arrangements are progressing finely.

NEW BUSINESS

Freman K. Cottle was installed as O.G. in place of A. J. Smith resigned by S.V.C J. N. Footman.

VOTED On motion of O.H.L. Donogby that the reading of the records of the evening be dispence with

No present 58

Closed in form

Rud M. Topham
Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G. A. R.

New Bedford Sept 3d 1888

Field Day of the Bristol Co Association

At 10.30 a.m. comrades of this Post met at the hall and under command of P.C. Geo S. Gifford marched to Front St where a procession was formed as follows -

Squad of ten police Lt F. L. Taft Comd.

Asso Comd Elmas E. Hayward Chief Marshall

- Aids -

Elias S Anthony Post 3 - A. S. Wales - Post 145 - E. S. Horton Post 145 - L. L. Wilber Post 1 - R. H. Willis Post 32.

Co E. Fife Drum and Bugle Corps.

Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 - 100 men

Geo S. Gifford, Comd

Coity Fife. Drum and Bugle Corps. Taunton.

Wm H. Bartlett Post 3 Taunton. 83 men

A. H. Blake Comd

American Band, Fall River

Richard Borden Post 16. Fall River 122 men

L. M. Dean, Comd

A. B. Randall Post 32. So Easton 22 men

E. G. Smith. Comd

Geo H. Macintosh Post 133. Fairville 17 men

E. C. Jackson, Comd

Wm A Hooker Post 145 Attleborough 24 men

Geo Crandall. Comd

Williams Drum Corps, New Bedford

A. G. Shaw, Post 146, New Bedford 11 men

Geo F Fisher, Com.

John Rodgers, Post 170, Mansfield 24 men

John Smith, Com.

Cyrus A Wheaton, Post 192 No Attleboro 15 men

Samuel Bugbee, Com.

John A Hawes Camp 53 Sons V. 14 men

Geo F. Duckworth, Com.

Crescent Fife & Drum Corps, Plainville

John Smith Camp 84 Sons V. Mansfield 13 men

F. A. Washburn, Com.

E. E. Ellsworth Camp 32, Sons V. Attleboro 16 men

G. E. Carter Com.

The procession started at 11 o'clock and marched through Commercial, Water, Union, County, William and Purchase Sts. to Park where horse cars were taken for River View Park, where an excellent clambake had been prepared by C. D. Sherman. The arrangements were all made by a committee of Post 1.

A tent was provided at the Park for the use of each Post.

A dress parade was formed at 3.30 P.M. after which the commands were dismissed.

The day was pleasantly passed and was enjoyed by members of the several organizations and their friends

Neil M Topham
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G. A. R.
New Bedford Sept 5th 1880

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo. L. Gifford

– OFFICERS PRESENT –

S.V.C. J. W. Fotman	J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell
ADJT. P. M. Topham	Q.M. E. T. Burgess
SURG. J. F. Tripp abt	CHAP. E. T. James
O.D. J. Donoghy	O.G. F. R. Cottle
S.M. W. Eaves	Q.M.S. J. Marble

Records of last meetings were read and approved

Circular #1 from Dept Head Quarters was read and placed on file

– REPORT OF THE SICK

A. L. Mathews Comfortable –
Chas Morse out but not able to work
J. T. Adams improving
P. J. Peters and D. B. Folger reported sick
Chas Morse declared off benefit from to night
Chas Rasmire was place on the benefit Aug 29th declared off Sept 5th

To visit A. L. Mathews Cottle – Luscomb.
" " P. J. Peters – Brooks.
" " D. B. Folger – S.V.C. Fotman.

Report of Committees

The Committee of Labor Day stated they were not ready to report.

Unfinished Business

On motion of the Q.M. that this hall be lighted with the "Westinghouse" system of electric lights laid on the table Aug 15th was on motion of C. & F. I. Cottle taken from the table

The motion of the Q.M was amended by H. E. Hesson that we adopt the Edison system of electric lights. The amendment was adopted.

Voted — On motion of C & F. I. Cottle - That the Q.M have the hall wired and the Edison system of electric lights introduced.

New Business

Voted — On motion of the Adjutant. that the action of the Commander in authorizing Comrade A.S. Eastman to send the following dispatch to Post 636 of the Dept of New York be approved.

To Comrade Lyttleton Long and other comrades of Post 636 of Bath Beach. N.Y. The oldest Post of the G.A.R. sends fraternal greetings to the youngest Post in the Dept of New York and wishes it prosperity

George S. Gifford. P.C.

Phil M. Topham
adj't

The following telegram was read in answer
To Geo P Gifford Commander Post 1 G.A.R
The infant Post reciprocates the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the oldest Post of the G.A.R. (Signed) Lyttleton Long.

The L.M's report for the month of August was read and refered to the Auditing Committee

Bill of L. Buckley was read and ordered paid on approval of Finance Committee.

No present 40
Closed in form
Sul. M. Topham
Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Sept 12th 1882

Meting called to order by
P.C. Geo P. Gifford

-OFFICERS PRESENT-

S.V.C L.W. Fultman	J.V.C. W.F. Caldwell
Adjt J.M. Topham	Q.M. C.F. Burgess.
Surg R.W. Snow	Chap. H.B. James.
O.D. J. Donoghy	O.G. F.R. Bottle
S.M S.H. Luscomb act.	O.M.S. L. Marble

Records of the last meting were read and approved

-ORDERS-

Genl Ords #12 from National Hd Qrs was read and placed on file

-SICK-

A.J. Mathews in material change.
J.L. Peters as comfortable as can be expected.
G.F. Folger Comfortable

A.J. Adams was declared off the benefit from to night
J.L. Peters and G.F. Folger were placed on the benefit from to night.

To visit A.J. Mathews - Chap James and S. Benjamin

To visit P. L. Ellers Com^r G. S. Gifford.
" " O. B. Folger - Wing ^and W. W. Allcock.

Applications of Stephen G. Barnum and Edward S. Collins for membership in this Post was received and refered to the following Committees for investigation.
On that of Barnum - S.V.C. Caldwell Chap James and J. F. Benjamin.
On that of Collins. S.V.C. Foolman Surg. Snow and J. F. Tripp.

- Report of Committees -

The Committee appointed to examine the military drama entitled "Our Regiment" reported, that they deemed it inexpedient to place it on the stage.

Voted On motion of O.C. F.X. Collette that the report be accepted

Committee on Labor Day that they were not ready to report.

- New Business -

A circular from Mr Joseph H. Hunter was read, giving recent decessions in the pension laws.

A letter was read from John Foley asking for information of any of the members of the 33d Mass Infty.

A communication from J. W. Footman, Chairman of the Trustees of the Union Veterans Legion enquiring the price of this hall for Monday evening of each week was received

VOTED On motion of Sergt R. W. Snow - that they may have the use of this for three ($3.00) dollars per night.

BILLS

Of Hd 2ts Dept was read and ordered paid on approval of Finance Committee

Of John B. Peckham was read and ordered paid from the Watchers fund on the approval of the Finance Committee.

No present 34

Closed in form

Neil M. Topham
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G. A. R.
New Bedford Sept 19th 1895

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo S. Gifford

-Officers Present-

S.V.C. J. E. Chamberlain Act. J.V.C. G. H. Carpenter Act.
Adjt. T. M. Hosham. Q.M. C. T. Burgess.
Surg. R. W. Snow. Chap H. B. James.
O.D. L. Donoghu. O.G. F. K. Cottle.
S.M. W. Hawes Q.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

-Report of the Sick-

A. J. Mathews - No change.
P. L. Peters - Improving.
D. B. Folger "
L. E. Pierce was reported sick.
J. Mitchel a veteran was reported dead, and a request was made for pall bearers. Comrades Hall. England and Hosson volunteered.
W. Dow a veteran was reported in destitute circumstances.

To visit A. J. Mathews - S.M. Hawes Q.M.S. Marble.
" " P. L. Peters - L & F Washburn
" " D. B Folger - O.D. Donoghy - J. H. Wilcox.
" " L. E. Pierce - O.G. Cottle - L. Smith.

The Committee on the application of Stephen G. Barnum made a majority report - and on motion of D.F. the report was accepted, and on a ballot he was elected.

-Report of Committees-

The Chairman of the Labor Day Committee stated they were not ready to report.

L.M. Burgess reported that he had made a contract with the Edison Electric Co to light this hall for two (2) years at the rate of five ($5.00) dollars per month, giving 30 candle power.

-New Business-

A circular from the Adjutant of the Bristol Co Association stating that the Association would meet in the hall of A. B. Randall, Post 52 at South Easton Wed Oct 10th 1888 at 11 o'clock A.M, and requested the Post to send ten Delegates.

Comrade Walsh gave notice that two weeks from to night that he would make the following motion "That the car fares of the Delegates to the Bristol Co Convention be paid from the Post fund".

The names of the following delinquent members was read by the L.M -

Joseph H. Clark – Melvin Sawyer – David Brown
G. M. Jennings – Jas Simpson – S. P. Winegar

VOTE M

On motion of A. J. Smith that the dues of Melvin Sawyer be remitted to the amount of three ($3.00) dollars.

Comrade Leraw of Post 46 made some remarks

No present 31.

Closed in form

Ruel M Topsham
Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G. A. R
New Bedford Sept 26th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo S. Gifford

- OFFICERS PRESENT -

S.V.C. J. W. Footman.	J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell.
Host. S. M. Sofsham.	O.M. E. J. Burgess.
Surg. R. W. Snow.	Chap. H. B. Lawes.
O.G. L. Dowsley.	O.C. F. K. Cottle.
S.M. H. Hawes.	Q.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of the last meeting was read and approved

- ORDERS -

Gen Ords #1 from National Hd Qts and Gen Ords #6 from Dept Hd Qts was read and placed on file.

- REPORT OF THE SICK -

A. A. Mathews - No change
S. L. Peirce - Gaining
G. J. Folger - About the same
L. E. Pierce - In very bad condition
Sidney Smith was reported as having met with an accident.
A. A. Smith reported confined to the house

L. E. Pierce was placed on the Benefit from to-night

Committee on the application of Edward L. Collins made a majority report.

VOTED On motion of O. C. F. C. Cottle, the report was accepted - and on a ballot he was elected.

Wm G. Dunham was duly mustered as a member of this Post.

The application of Francis Cottle for membership was received and referred to the following Committee for investigation - F. C. Caldwell, S. S. Benjamin and S. M. W. Hawes -

-REPORT OF COMMITTEES-

Committee on Labor-Day made the following report - Total receipts $30.32 - Total Expence $27.50 leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee of $2.82.

VOTED On motion of O. C. Cottle - the report was received

VOTED On motion of O. C. Cottle - the balance in the hands of the Committee was placed in the Walcher fund.

-NEW BUSINESS-

An invitation from Wm L. Gay, Codman, W. R. C. #53

was read to attend a musical and literary entertainment Thurs Sept 27th at 8 P.M

VOTED | On motion of S. V. C. Eastwell the invitation was accepted.

P.C. Henry Wing of Cyrus M. Wheaton Post # 182 made some interesting remarks.

VOTED | On motion of S. C. Chamberlain. That the Q. M. have the flags belonging to the Post, repaired

The Q. M. reported the following comrades liable to suspension for non payment of dues. Jos H. Clark. L. L. Brown

Jas A Wood was granted a transfer card.

VOTED | On motion of S. V. C. Fellman. They were suspended

VOTED | On motion of J. H. Clough. G. M. Lemmings and David Swan were dropped as members of this Post, for the non payment of dues.

BILLS

Wales

O. A. S. Monumental was ordered paid from the Soldiers Lot fund on approval of finance Committee

Of Mrs Sarah Thayer was ordered paid from Relief fund on approval of finance Committee

VOTED | That the reading of the records of the evening be dispensed with. 31 Present 31 Closed in form

Paul M Goldsmith Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R
New Bedford Oct 3d 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo P Gifford

OFFICERS PRESENT

S.V.C. J. W. Footman.	J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell.
ADJT. L. M. Topham.	Q.M. C.J. Burgess.
SURG. J Lombard act	CHAP. H.B. James
O.D. J. Donoghy	O.G. F.R. Cottle
S.M. W. Hawes	Q.M.S. J. Marble

Records of last meeting were read and approved

-REPORT OF THE SICK-

A. J. Mathews Comfortable.
S. L. Peters - Gaining slowly.
D. B. Folger - Better.
L. E. Pierce - Improving
Sidney Smith - Returned to work

A veteran named Bean - a member of the 58th Mass
Inft was reported quite sick.

Committee on the application of Francis Little
for membership made a majority report -

VOTED On motion of the O.D. the report was accepted and

on a ballot he was elected

Applications of J. S. Zettick for membership and H. J. Burpee for reinstatement was received and referred to the following Committees for investigation
On that of Zettick - O.C. Cottle - W.H. Attwood - Capt. James
" " " Burpee - O.H. Donaghy - King's Chamberlain.

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

The Quartermaster stated he had received a communication from A.A.G. Munro - advising him to wait two or three weeks for the latest Rules and Regulations of the National Encampment - as they are not yet in print.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Report of Wm Logan Wardman W.R.C #53. for the quarter ending Sept 30th was read and placed on file

Quarter Master's report for the month of Sept also quartely reports for the quarter ending Sept 30th were read and referred to auditing Committee.

Voted On motion of J.V.C. Caldwell - that the 2.M. procure the cut belonging to the Post which is now at the "Standard" Office.

Bills of S.M. Topham, J Buckley - E. Anthony & Sons Mercury Pub Co - were read - and ordered to be paid on approval of the finance Committee

No present 29. Closed in form Sml M Topham - Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G.A.R.
New Bedford Oct 5th 1898

- SPECIAL MEETING -

Called to order by P.C. Geo S. Gifford, who stated the object of the meeting was to take action on the following proposition of the "Fair Committee" of the "Board of Trade"

"That we could have a space allotted us, and they would fit it as we chose without expence to the Post. we to sell what we like and have the entire profits"

VOTED On motion of W.W. Allwood. that we accept the space

VOTED On motion of O.C. Lottie. that Com^d Gifford. O.M Burgess. Bancroft & Cook, be a committee to procure such articles as they think will sell.

VOTED On motion of O.A. Doughy that the committee use what Post property they may need to make the space attractive.

Closed without form

Saml M. Topham
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R
New Bedford Oct 10th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo S. Gifford

-Officers Present-

S.V.C. John W. Footman.	J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell.
Adjt - S. M. Topsham.	Q.M - E. F. Burgess.
Surg. - R. W. Snow.	Chap H. B. James.
O.D. L. Donoghy.	O.G. - F. R. Cottle.
S.M. W. Howes.	Q.M.S. I. Marble.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

Circular Letter #1, from National Hd Qts was read and placed on file.

-Report of the Sick-

A. J. Mathews - Not as well -
S. J. Peters - able to be out -
D. B. Folger - Gaining rapidly -
L. E. Peirce - Very sick -

D.B. Folger was declared off the benefit.

L. E. Peirce was placed on the benefit to date from Sept 26th ult

Committee on the application of J. P. Zettick for membership in this Post all reported favorably and on a ballot he was rejected.
Committee on the application of H. F. Burpee for reinstatement all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected.

Francis Little and F. G. Barnum were duly mustered as members of this Post.

-Report of Committees-

The Auditing Committee made a majority report, That had examined the Q. M's reports for the months of Aug and Sept also quarterly reports for the quarter ending Sept 30th found them correct and approved the same, and the majority report was accepted and placed on file

Committee appointed to arrange the space at the Industrial Fair - reported they had attended to their duty and had every thing arranged and had placed attractive articles on sale. A large number of relicks had been loaned by friends, and exposed for inspection

The Q. M. asked the Comrades to notice the Electric lights and, if they had any suggestions to make.

-New Business-

VOTES On motion of Surg R. W. Snow that $40.00 be Transfered

from Post fund to Watchers fund

— BILLS —

Of A. E. H. Brooks was on motion of Sons R. W. Snow ordered paid from the Watchers fund on approval of the finance Committee

Of C. T. Burgess was on motion of O.G. F. O. Coltte ordered paid on the approval of the finance committee —

VOTED On motion of O.G. L. Donoghy the reading of the records of the evening was dispenced with.

No present 41

Closed in form

Phil M Topham

Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Oct 17th 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo. P. Gifford

-Officers Present-

S.V.C. J. W. Footman. J.V.C. F. E. Chamberlain ac
Surg. R. W. Snow. Chap. H. B. James.
Adjt. P. M. Topham. Q.M. C. F. Burgess.
O.D. L. Donoghy O.G. F. K. Cottle.
S.M. W. Hawes Q.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of the last meeting were read & approved

-Report of the Sick-

A. L. Mathews - More comfortable.
P. J. Peters - Better.
L. E. Peirce - Very low.

To visit Mathews - C. F. Brayton - Chas Gifford
" " Peters - P.C. Geo P. Gifford
" " Peirce - Chap James - O.G. - Cottle.

Edwin J. Collins was mustered and Henry F Burpee was reinstated as members of this Post

The application of Frank H. Kempton for membership was received and refered to following Committee

for investigation - S.V.C. J. W. Footman - S. E. Chamberlain A. Braley -

-Report of Committees-

Committee on electric lights made a verbal report that four shades were to be placed over the lights in the chandelier to moderate the lights.

Comrade Palmer - Chairman of the Committee on annual donations, made a verbal report - that there was about $100. deposited and drawing interest at the present time -

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-New Business-

An invitation from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Industrial Exposition now being held in this City - to visit the Exposition Thursday evening Oct 18th in uniform was read.

Voted — On motion of O.C. - Bottle - that the invitation be accepted, and the Post visit the Exposition on the evening mentioned in full uniform.

Voted — On motion of the 2. M - that the voted authorizing the 2. M. to procure the G.A.R. cut from the Standard Office be reconsidered -

Voted — On motion of A. J. Smith - that the cut remain at the Standard Office and the Mercury Pub Co

have the use of it when necessary-

Wm Logan Rodman W.R.C # 53 made us a surprise visit and presented to the Post through the President Mrs L. M. James a beautiful burning burial flag in the following words -

Commander and Comrades,

You may think this rather a large committee, but we needed numbers to give us courage to thus intrude upon you uninvited. For three years we have been your auxiliary, and but once before have we entered your post meeting. We came then to present you with a pair of guidons. Our second anniversary was marked by the flag upon the altar. We wished this year to present you with some token of our good will, and when we were asked to repair your burial flag the way seemed clear to do so. I don't know as the flag was ever under fire, but it has certainly seen service enough to be retired. I know that in war times the more ragged the colors the more honor to the brave boys who fought under them. I have seen the battle flags preserved so sacredly in the State-house in Boston, and one poor little ribbon, black with battle smoke and riddled with bullets, but still clinging to its standard, was proudly pointed out to me by your present chaplain as his regimental flag, under which he fought for four long years. Comrades, what memories the sight of your battle flag must bring to you. There are the marks of that terrible charge on the fort, that rent where it was torn from its bearer by the enemy; those stains, the life blood of the gallant color-sergeant who regained it at the cost of his own life. Commander, I have seen the flag floating at the mast-head of the gallant ship that went down with all hands on board and colors flying in Chesapeake bay. All honor to the sailor boys who could die but never surrender. But that was long ago. We are now enjoying the peace won by you and your comrades in the years gone by. And when, in years to come, the comrades of Post 1 grow old and tired of life's battle, one by one, wraps the drapery of his couch around him, and lies down to dreamless slumber, we want the flag that covers him to be the one we have come to offer you. Therefore, commander and comrades, I ask you to honor your auxilliary corps by accepting from them this burial flag, with the earnest wish that it may be many a long day before you need to use it.

Commander Gifford made a happy responce, thanking the Ladies for their thoughtfulness assuring them that the motive which prompted the gift was fully appreciated.

After the presentation there were patriotic readings by Mrs E. M. Caldwell. S.V.P. Mrs E. M. Bliss Sec'y and Mrs J. L. Topham Conductor - followed with singing of the "Star spangled Banner" by the Ladies. The Ladies invited the Post (after the meeting closed) to join them in a nice collation which they had prepared in the hall above. The Ladies then retired.

On motion of Comrade Chamberlain that the S. M. be empowered to notify the Gas Light Co

to leave the gas turned on and a stop cock be placed outside of the metre - in case of any accident to the electric light we could use gas.

VOTED On motion of A. L. Smith the whole matter was laid on the table for one week

VOTED That the reading of the records of the evening be dispenced with.

No present 74.

Closed in Form
Paul M Topham
Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Oct 18th 1888.

At 7.15 P.M, seventy-five comrades assembled at the hall, and under escort of Co E 1st Regt. M.V.M accompanied by Wells N.B. Band and R.A. Pierce #190, marched to the "Adelphi Rink," to visit the Industrial Exposition, by the invitation of the Committee of the Board of Trade. After entering the rink the Post was dismissed, and the evening was pleasantly passed in viewing the industries of the City and the relicks and curiosities exhibited.

Phil M Topham.
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G.A.R.
New Bedford Oct 24th 1888.

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo P. Gifford

-Officers Present-

S.V.C. J. W. Footman	J.V.C. I.C. Chamberlain act
Surg. J. Lombard act	Chap. H.B. James
Adjt. P.M. Topham	Q.M. C.T. Burgess.
O.D. L. Donoghy	O.G. I.P. Luscomb act
S.M. W. Hawes	Q.M.S. I. Marble

Records of last meetings were read and approved

-Orders-

Gen'l Ord's #2 from National Hd Q'ts and a circular from Dept H'd Q'ts was read and placed on file.

-Report of the Sick-

A. L. Mathews - More comfortable.
L. E. Pierce - Very much distressed
F. L. Ellers About the same

To visit A. L. Mathews - I. P. Luscomb O.D. Donoghy
" " L. E. Pierce - Chap. James - S.M. Hawes -

-Report of Committees-

Committee on Electric light - stated not ready to report

-UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

The motion of S. E. Chamberlain - That the 2. M. be empowered to notify the N. B. Gas Light Co. to leave the gas turned on, and to put a stop cock outside of the metre. was on motion of S.V.C - Fortman - taken from the table -
By a vote of the Post the motion was adopted.

Comrade Israel Smith sent a request for a transfer card from this Post, which was denied untill his dues are paid.

A circular from the "Special Committee on Soldiers Records" was read and placed on file -

2. M. reported that the time of A.J. Mathews benefits had expired.

VOTED That the case be refered to the Relief Committee.

No present 27.

Closed in form
Sid H Topham.
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass. G.A.R.

New Bedford Oct 26th 1888.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Meeting called to order by P.C. Geo S. Gifford

The meeting was called to make arrangements for the funeral of our late comrade Lucius E Pierce who died at 9 o'clock A.M. Oct 25th.

VOTED On motion of A.J. Smith - that Commander Gifford and S.V.C. Footman be a committee of two (2) to make all arrangements.

Closed without form

Phil M Topham

Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 Dept Mass G.A.R

New Bedford Oct 28th 1888.

At 10.30. a.m. 60 Comrades met at this hall and under command of P.C. Geo S. Gifford accompanied by Co E. fife - drum and bugle corps marched to the residence of our late Comrade Lucius E. Pierce. After funeral services at the house. the remains were taken in charge of the Post and escorted to Oak Grove Cemetery, where the body was buried by the ritual services of the G.A.R. The Post then returned to the hall and were dismissed.

Phil M Topham.

Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Todman, Post #1 Dept Mass. G.A.R.

New Bedford Oct 31st 1888.

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Geo. T. Gifford.

-OFFICERS PRESENT-

S.V.C. L. W. Footman.	J.V.C. A. F. Caldwell.
Surg. L. Lombard act.	Chap H. B. James.
Adjt J. M. Topham.	Q.M. C. F. Burgess.
O.D. L. Donoghy.	O.G. F.R. Coltte.
S.M. W. Hawes.	J.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved

Genl Ods #7 from Dept Hd Qrs was read and placed on file.

-REPORT OF THE SICK-

A. L. Mathews No improvement.
J. J. Ellers about the same.

-TO VISIT THE SICK-

To visit Mathews Cushing Chap James

The Committee on the application of F. H. Kempton for membership in this Post made a majority report

VOTED On motion of O.G. F.R. Coltte the report was accepted and on a ballot he was rejected.

-Report of Committees-

Committee on the funeral of our late comrade Lucius E. Sierce, also the Committee on the stand at the Industrial Exposition stated they were not ready to report.

-New Business-

Voted — On motion of O.C. J.R. Cottle. That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain the cost of mounting the guns on the Soldiers Lot as suggested by Comrade J. L. Wilber.

Comrades J. L. Wilber - Wm Sanders and 2 M. C. J. Burgess were appointed.

Voted — On motion of S.V.C. J. W. Footman - That 2 M. C. J. Burgess have the property of this Post reinsured

An invitation from the Committee of the Commonwealth of Mass, to be present at the unveiling of a monument to Crispus Attucks, Samuel Maverick, Jas Caldwell, Samuel Gray and Patrick Carr who fell in the massacre on State Street Mar 5th 1770 at 11 o'clock Wednesday Nov 14th 1888 was read

Voted — That the invitation be received and placed on file.

Voted — On motion of S.V.C. J. W. Footman - That the matter in relation to Conference Committee be laid on the table for one week - to enable the Adjutant to ex

amine the records.

VOTED On motion of 2.M. E.J. Burgess - That this Post hold a fair sometime in the month of December.

VOTED On motion of S.C. Chamberlain - That a Committee of seven (7) (the Commander be one) be appointed to carry out the vote of the Post - the following were appointed - 2.M. E.J. Burgess - S.C. Chamberlain - J.V.C. A.J. Caldwell O.D. - J. Donoghy - S.V.C. J.W. Footman - Surg. A.W. Snow -

VOTED That the Commander have power to fill vacancies if any occur.

Comrade Lane of Post 46 Fall River, made some remarks in regard to the lecture of "Here and There during the War" and wished to put it on the Stage for the benefit of this Post.

VOTED On motion of J.V.C. A.J. Caldwell - That a committee of three (3) be appointed to meet the comrade after the meeting and talk the matter over.
J.V.C. Caldwell. O.G. Cottle & S.M. Hawes were appointed.

VOTED On motion of S.C. Chamberlain - That the matter of the Confence Committee be reconsidered.

VOTED On motion of 2.M. E.J. Burgess. That it be taken from the table

On motion of J. V. C. Caldwell - That this committee be a standing committee - Amended by 2. M. Burgess for the remainder of the present year. The motion was adopted as amended.

A. E. H. Brooks - Jas. Tilton - Jas. E. Knott were appointed as watchers.

VOTED On motion of O. G. - Cottle - That the 2. M. - procure a picture of our late comrade I. E. Pierce -

-BILLS-

Of H. C. Russell - Jas Tilton - A. E. H. Brooks were read and ordered to be paid from the Watchers Fund on approval of Finance Committee.

VOTED That $44.00 be taken from the Post Fund and transfered to Watchers Fund to meet the bills

Remarks for the good of the order were made by 2. M. C. S. Burgess and comrade J. L. Wilber.

VOTED That the reading of the records of this evening be dispenced with.

No present 38.

Closed in form

Aud. M. Topham.
Adjutant.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post #1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Nov 7th 1888.

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Jas J. Gifford

-OFFICERS PRESENT-

S.V.C. L.W. Footman; J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell.
Surg. K.W. Snow. Chap. H.B. Lanes.
Asst. S. M. Topham. Q.M. E.T. Burgess.
O.D. J. Donoghy. O.G. S.H. Wilcox. Act.
S.M. A. Staley. Act. Q.M.S. L. Marble.

Records of last meeting read and approved.

-REPORT OF THE SICK-

A.J. Mathews - No change.

To visit Comrade Mathews - O.D. J Donoghy and Q.M.S. L Marble.

-REPORTS OF COMMITTEES-

Committee on the funeral of our late comrade L.E. Peirce - also Committee on the stand at the Industrial Exposition - stated they are not ready to report -

Committee appointed to have the "Edison" Electric Light put in the hall, made their report -
VOTED On motion of H.E. Slosson - The report was received and placed on file.

Committee appointed to ascertain the cost of mounting the guns on the Soldiers Lot reported they were progressing.

The fair Committee reported that they had met with a similar Committee of Wm Logan Rodman W. R. # 53 and organized with P.C. Geo S. Gifford as Chairman and Q.M. E.T. Burgess as Secretary and Treasurer and that the fair would be held from the 7th to the 15th of December inclusive.

-NEW BUSINESS-

Q.M. E.T. Burgess read his report for the month of October, and it was refered to the Auditing Committee.

A communication from Wm Logan Rodman W.R. C. # 53 Asking for the use of this hall for another year and what rent will be required.

VOTED On motion of H.E. Hosson. That they have the use of this hall for one year from Oct 1st and the rent to be $50.00.

VOTED On motion of Adjutant. That on the evening that the Inspector is to visit this (Wed Nov 21st) that we have a clambil in the hall upstairs and that a Committee of three be appointed to make all arrangements. Comrades P.H. King. Wm Carter and I.H. Lescomb were appointed

VOTED On motion of the Adjutant - That the following motion of S.V.C Caldwell passed June 21th 1888. That we drape the Charter in mourning for all Comrades who die hereafter, be reconsidered -

VOTED On motion of the Adjutant - That we drape the Charter in mourning for 30 days for all Comrades of this Post who die hereafter.

VOTED On motion of S.V.C. L. W. Footman - That we place the lecture of "Here and there during the War" for one night, on the stage in "City Hall" as soon as it can be obtained - and that the same Committee that was appointed to confer with the Agent - be instructed to make all arrangements for its production without any expence to the Post -

-BILLS OF-

Edison Electric Lighting Co - N.B. Gas Light Co Tillinghast + Alden - W. W. Crapo - L. Buckley - were read and ordered to be paid on the approval of the finance Committee.

VOTED That we dispence with the reading of the records of this evening.

No present 39

Closed in form

Ruf. M. Topham Adjutant

Head Quarters Post Captain Cotton Post 9 Dept Mass V.C.R.
New Bedford Nov 1st 1883

Meeting Called to Order by
P. C. Geo A. Gifford

Officers Present

S.V.C. J. W. Footman — J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell
Surg A.M. Wilcox — Chap H.B. Jones
Asst S.M. Nathan — Q.M. C.C. Kempton
O.D. J. Donaghy — O.G. A Braley acting
S.M. M. Nathan — Q.M.S. J. Marble

Records of last Meeting read and approved

Report of the Sick

A.J. Matheus not as well

Present Comrade Nathan Comrade Carter
& S.V.C. J.W. Footman

The applications of James E. Bates and Joseph Parkinson for Membership was received and referred to the following Committee for investigation on that of Bates J.V.C. Caldwell Comrade Parkinson and Braley on that of Parkinson Comrade Q.M. Smith Geo Miller and Henry Nixon

Report of Committees

The Committee on the exhibition of War relics at the Col
minstrel fair made their report and they recommend
-ed that a written vote of thanks be tendered to the Musician
Brass quartette for services rendered at the
fair they would also recommend that the last
proceeds cash on hand be placed on the watch fund

Committee on funeral of Past C.C. Comrade Lucien
E. Pierce reported that they had attended to their
duty and contracted the following bills

to E. Fife Drum and Bugle Corps	$30.00
William M. Howard Florist	5.00

Voted on motion of Sec'y R. H. Thorn the report was ac
cepted

Committee on Clambake stated that they had secured
Mr Hixson and obtained his terms on supper & the
Clambake as we cannot have the Hall by Steam

Voted on motion of Comrade C. J. Smith that we accept
the terms of Mr Hixson at 50 cts a plate

Voted on Motion of S. V. Com't J. M. Eastman that Mr Hixson
have the use of our Tables
Voted also that he Make no exclusive for Members of
the G.A.R.

Conrad Leslie of Post #16 of Fall River Mass
[illegible] in regards to the decision of Hon and Hero
the Civil War"

Bills

Leo E. Fife Drum and Bugle corps
William [illegible] Command and
S. Eggers was
Voted on motion Surg R. W. Snow ordered paid on
approval of finance Committee
Number of Comrades Present #37
Closed uniform
[illegible]

Head Quarters Wm Logan Col Encampment Dept of Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Nov 21st 1888

Meeting called to order by
P.C. Comd. Gifford

Officers Present

S.V.C J. H. Footman — J.V.C. A.A. Caldwell
Surg R. W. Snow — Chap. N. S. Dawes
Adjt Wm Hawes — Q.M. Asst Burgess
O.D. J. Donaghy — O.G. A. J. Smith
C.M. John Smith — 2 M.S J. Marble

Records of last meeting read and Approved

General Order #8 from Dept Hd Qrs was read and placed on file

Report of the Sick

Comrade A. J. Mathews No Better.
Adjt P. M. Topsham Severe attack of Paralysis
Comrade Chet Hatch Indisposed

To visit Comrade Mathews O. D. J. Donaghy acting O. G. A. J. Smith
To visit Adjt P. M. Topsham S. V. C. Bartlett J. V. C. Caldwell
To visit Comrade Hatch Comrades Keating and Carters

Report of Committees

The Committee on the application of James H. Bates all reported favorable and on Ballot he was Elected

The Committee on the application of Joseph Parkinson all reported favorable and on Ballot he was Elected

Comrade Ripley offered to supply food to Robert Barnes and his Family for One Month it being reported that they were in destitute Circumstances

The application of George H. G. Russell was received and referred to the following Committee for investigation J.V.C. Caldwell O.D. J. Donaghy and Comrade S. C. Chamberlain

Charles F. Brayton was duly Mustered in the presence of Assistant Department Inspector John M. Shaw Commander of Post #16 of Fall River who came to Inspect the Post. His Commander the Post and Order of the Post and he expressed himself as well Satisfied with his visit and he was pleased to say that he could report to Headquarters that he found Post #1 in first Class Condition. A Delegation of Post #16 of Fall River Consisting of Commander McShane Dept Insp Shaw and Adjutant Chuck made very many happy remarks and all expressed themselves being well pleased with their visit

Voted on Motion of Acting O. G. A. J. Smith the reading of the records was dispensed with

Number of Comrades present 57

Closed in form

William Hawes Act Adjt

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Post Rodman Post No 9 Dept Mass G.A.R.
held Nov 28th 1888

Meeting Called to Order by
P. C. George P. Gifford

Officers Present

S.V.C. J.N. Foot — J.V.C. A.S. Caldwell
Surg. R.W. Snow — Chap. Henry B. Jones
Adjt. H. M. Hall act 2.M. E.S. Burgess
O.D. J. Donaghy O.G. A. Braley act
S.M. John Smith act 2.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last Meeting read and Approved

Report of Sick

A.J. Mathews — No Improvement.
P.M. Topham — No Better.
Seth Hatch — Better.

Visit — A.J. Mathews — Comrades — Duncc and Jones
" " P.M. Topham — John Smith Chap. James
" " Seth Hatch — A. Braley and Spoons

Comrade Seth Hatch was placed on the list
and dating from the 28th Nov/88

The Committee on the application of M.G. Russell
all reported favorable and on a ballot he was
elected

Comrade Brock of Post 46 of Fall River was introduced and invited to a seat with the Comrades and afterward made some remarks

Joseph Parkinson was duly Mustered in as a Member of this Post

A Circular from the service pension committee was partly read and posted in the Post room for the benefit of the Comrades

Report of Committees

The Auditing Committee reported they had examined the P. M. reports for the month of October and found them Correct and approved the same and on motion of J. V. C. Caldwell

Voted that the report be accepted and placed on file

Commander Gifford reported in regard to the fair that everything was progressing favorably

New Business

Voted on Motion of acting O. G. A Brayley that the nominating list now be opened for Officers of this Post for the ensuring year

The following were nominated for Post Com nd S.V.C. John H. Footman Com d Geo P. Gifford Surg R. H. Snow for Senior Vice Com d J.V.C. A F. Caldwell and Surg R. H. Snow

for Junior vice Com^d Comrade Geo H. Cl...
R.M. C.S. Burgess J. B. Bow...
for R.M. John Smith and C.S. Burgess
for Surgeon Comrades B. H. Arnold Holde...
R. Tripp Leopold Bartel Charles E. Nason
& Spencer C. Chamberlain for Chaplain
H. B. James for Officer of the Day A. J. Smith
P. Donaghy for Officer of the Guard P. B.
Bowman Henry C. Hosson and Geo H. Cap...
Delegates to the Department Convention ...
as follows J. L. Wilbor S. C. Chamberlain E. K...
B. J. Smith T. P. Hathaway C. F. Caldwell
J. S. Benjamin
for alternates A. J. Smith Edwin Emery
James F. Tripp Surgeon R. H. Snow Chaplain
Henry B. James

Voted on Motion of A. J. Smith that the nominating list of Officers now be Closed

Voted on Motion of Comrade Arnold that the Trustees of the annual Encampment elect their own Treasurer

Voted on Motion of Comrade A. J. Smith that the present relief Committee be nominated for the ensuing year Comrade H. C. Hosson declined a renomination

Voted on motion of Comrade Arnold that the Lodge room be opened on Thanksgiving Day

On motion of Comrade J. L. Wilson — for Dues
of Comrade Comstock be remitted to Jan 1st
Voted on Amendment of ' that they be re-
mitted up to Oct 1st

Voted on motion of L. M. Burgess that the Dues
of Comrade A. J. Mathews be remitted up
to Jan 1st

Bills of

Comrade Ripley and P. H. King was on
Voted motion of O. D. Donaghy paid on appsoval
of the Finance Committee

Voted on motion of Geo H. Palmer that the reading
of the records be dispensed with
Number of Comrades Present 53
Closed in form
William Hawes
act Adjt

Headquarters Wm Logan Colmar Post 9 Dept Miss G.A.R.

Dec 5th 1888

Meeting Called to Order by
P. C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers Present

J.V.C.	J.W. Footman	J.V.C.	A.J. Caldwell
Adjt	Wm Hawes act	Q.M.	C.O. Burgess
Surg	Geo A. Saylor act	Chap	W.B. James
O.D.	J. Donaghy	O.G.	A. Braley act
S.M.	John Smith act	Q.M.S.	John Marsh

Records of the last Meeting read and approved

Report of the Sick

A.J. Mathews	Better
P.M. Topham	Improved
Seth Hatch	

To visit A.J. Mathews — O.G. J. Donaghy
" " P.M. Topham — J.V.C. Caldwell & W.H. Alton
" " Seth Hatch

Report of Committee

Commander Geo P. Gifford reported the fair as progressing very favorable

Voted on motion of Q.M. Burgess that the Post Property be turned over to the Post fair Committee with the Understanding

New Business

Voted On Motion of Comrade A. J. Smith that we now proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing year and a Committee of Six be appointed to Collect Sort and Count Ballot and the following were appointed Comrade Cook Chamberlain and Emery at the South Table Comrade Comstock J. F. Tripp and C. B. Simmons at the North Table

Voted On Motion of Comrade Hobarton that where more than one persons name was on a ticket in the vote for Commander that only the head of the ticket be Counted

The Ballots for Post Commander was as follows

Whole number of Votes	129
Necessary for a Choice	65
R. W. Snow had	1
John W. Sodman "	30
Geo P. Gifford "	98

Commander Gifford was declared Elected

For S. V. C.

Whole number of Votes	124
Necessary for a Choice	63
A. F. Caldwell had	70
R. W. Snow "	54

A. F. Caldwell was declared elected

For J. V. C.

Whole number of Votes /
Necessary for a choice /
Charles T. Burgess had / on motion of
Voted which was cast by act Adjt by vote of the Post E. H. Arnold
and Chas T. Burgess was declared elected

For Quartermaster

Whole number of Votes /
Necessary for a Choice / on motion of
John Smith had / O. F. Donath
Voted which was cast by Adjt by vote of the Post
and John Smith was declared elected

For Surgeon

Whole number of Votes /
Necessary for a Choice /
Holden R. Triffo had /
Voted which was cast by act Adjt by vote of the Post
and Holden R. Triffo was declared elected

For Chaplain

Whole number of /
Necessary for a choice /
Henry B. James had / on motion of
Voted which was cast by act Adjt by vote of the Post A. J. Smith

Officer of the Day

Whole number of Votes /
Necessary for a choice /
Joseph Donaghy had /
Voted which was cast by Act Adjt by vote of the Post
and Joseph Donaghy was declared elected

on motion of A. J. Smith

Officer of the Guard

Whole number of votes /
Necessary for a choice /
George H. Carpenter had /
Voted which was cast by Act Adjt by vote of the Post
and George H. Carpenter was declared elected

For Relief Committee

Whole number of votes /
Necessary for a choice /
The following had /
Ward One James E. Voth
Ward Two James L. Miller
Ward Three A. F. Caldwell
Ward Four E. T. Wilson
Ward Five H. R. Triffo
Ward Six Geo A. Taylor
Fairhaven Geo H. Carpenter
Voted which was cast by Act Adjt by vote of the Post
and the above were declared elected

on motion of Donaghy

For Delegates to the Department Convention

Whole number of Votes 94

James L. Wilber 94

Spencer C. Chamberlain " 94

Edward C. Chapman " 94

Thomas H. Cook " 94

Charles H. Ripley " 94

[illegible] above Delegates was declared Elected

For Alternates

Whole number of Votes

Edwin Emory

James F. Tripp

Roland H. Snow

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible] was cast by [illegible] last year by order of the Post and the above Alternates were declared Elected

The Quarter Masters report for the month of November was read and refered to the Auditing Committee

Voted on motion of Q. M. C. J. Burgess that the Post turn out in full uniform for the fair Friday Eve and that every Comrade Member be admitted to the Hall free

Voted on Motion of Q.M. C. T. Burgess that the Adjutant notify every Comrade who has been elected for the ensuing year

Bills of the

Edison Electric Co		0.07
Josephus Buckley	Janitor	9.00
Head Quarters Dept Mass	Books	1.25

Voted that the several bills be paid on approval of the finance Committee

Voted on Motion of Comrade Chamberlain that the records of the evening be read

Number of Comrades Present 29

Closed in form

William A Hawes
Act Adjutant

Head Quarters Wm Logan Loc No 1 Dept Mass G.A.R.
Friday Evening Dec 7th
1888

At 7.30 P.M. about 60 members assembled at this Hall and by Command of P.C. Geo P. Clifford and, accompanied by Co E. Fife Drum and Bugle Corps marched to the Mansion House where the Junior Vice Department Commander George H. Innis was received as Guest of the Evening and then after a short route had been gone over City Hall was reached where the anual fair of the G.A.R. was being held after Dismissing the Comrades Junior Vice Department Commander Geo H. Innis joined the fair with many pleasant remarks which was applauded by the Comrades.
Then following Came a very Complimentary Address delivered by Mrs B. R. Wales Department Inspector of the Womans relief corps who spoke very highly of Corps #53 and Congratulated Post #1 in having so able an Auxiliary also Commended their work of the past year very highly and hoped they would Continue to maintain the reputation of being the Banner Corps in years to Come

Closed without form
Wm Hawes
Adjt

Head Quarters Post Logan Cadiz Post #1 Dept Mass G. A. R.
Dec 12th 1888

Meeting Called to Order by
P.C. George F. Clifford

Officers Present

S.V.C. J.W. Sowtman J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell
Surg R.W. Snow Q.M. C.J. Burgess
Adjt Wm Hawes act Chap H.B. James
O.D. J. Donagh O.G. Geo H. Carpenter
S.M. John Smith act Q.M.S. Jos Marble

Report of the Sick

Comrade A.J. Mathews Still Better
Lieutenant P.M. Topham No Better

Visit A.J. Mathews Comrades Lieut Osborn
" " P.M. Topham " Hobart & Geo A. Taylor

Comrade Hatch was declared off the
benefit list from December 5th 1888

The Application of Charles H. Bassett was
read & referred to the following Committee for
investigation Comrades S.P. Washburn
A.F. Caldwell and L.A. Washburn

Voted on Motion of Comrade Hobart that when the City Guards receive an invitation to attend the G. A. R. Fair that the Post turn out and escort them to the City Hall

Voted on Motion of Surg R. H. Snow that the reading of the records be dispensed with

Number of Comrades Present 21

Closed uniform

Wm Hawes

act Adjt

Tuesday Evening Dec 4th Regular Meeting Post Hall 8 P.M.

At 8:00 P.M. Friday Evening Dec 7th Pursuant to call at 8 above 30 or 40 Comrades met at the Hall and under command of P.C. Co. Clifford accompanied by Co E. 5th Regt Mass. Vol. Militia Bugle Corps escorted the New Bedford City Guards to the City Hall where the fair of the G.A.R. and the Women's Relief Corps was being held after entering the Hall orders were given to break ranks which was done to a man and the Boys were entertained very nicely with a number of very good entertainment that was being enacted on the stage also by many young Ladies who were soliciting votes Closed with out form

Wm Hawes act Adjt.

G. A. R.

Head Quarters Post Logan Coleman Post Capt Mass

Dec 9th 1888

Meeting called to Order
by P. C. Com't Clifford

Officers Present

S. V. C. A. F. Caldwell act J. V. C. Com A. Carpenter act
Surg James F. Triff act 2. M. C. C. B. Rogers
Adjt Wm Hawes act Chap H. B. James
Q. M. Joseph Donagh O. G. A. Braley act
S. M. John Marble act 2 M S John Marble

Records of the last Meeting read & Approved

Report of the Sick

Comrade A. J. Mathews Horse
Adjt P. M. Topham Better

To Visit Comrade Mathews Chap H. B. James and
Comrade A. Braley
To visit Adjt P. M. Topham Comrades
James Mathews and John B. Peckham

Comrade McElemy was reported as being
sick and Comrades Henry Heiss and
D. F. Triff was appointed as the visiting
Committee

General Orders #3 & 4 from National Headquarters was read and placed on file

Report of Committee

The Committee on the application of Charles H. Barrett all reported favorable and on a ballot he was elected

Voted on motion of O. D. J. Donaghy that a Public installation in Connection with the Women Relief Corps be held amended by Acting S.V.C. A. F. Caldwell that we procure the City Hall and have it there

Voted on motion of acting O.G. A. Braley that the reading of the records be dispensed with

Number of Comrades present 27

Closed in form

William F. Lawes
acting Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Post Post 1st Dist Mass G.A.R.

Dec 26th 1888

Meeting called to Order by

P. C. George P. Gifford

Officers Present

S.V.C. J.W. Foreman J.V.C. S.C. Chamberlain act
Surg R.W. Snow Q.M. Chas T. Burgess
Adjt Wm Hawes act Chas Henry B. Jones
O.D. J. Donaghy O.G. [illegible] act
S. M. John [illegible] act P.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last Meeting read and approved

Report of the [illegible]

Adjt P. M. Topham To Settle
Comrade A.J. Mathews Worse
" " McElroy Better

To Visit P. M. Topham Comrades James Russell and Lusco[illegible]

To Visit Comrade A.J. Mathews Comrades Chas T. Brayton and Destrey

To Visit Comrade Taylor Comrades Webster and [illegible]

Comrade Miller of the Mansion House reported that Robert Barnes was a Beat

Commander Gifford as Chairman of the fair Committee reported progress

Comrade Turner of Post #144 of Dedham Mass was introduced and invited to a seat with the [illegible] and afterwards made some pleasant remarks

Charles H. Bassett was duly Mustered as a member of this Post

The Committee on the application of Herman J. Feldgen for Reinstatement all reported favorable and on ballot he was allowed to be reinstated

Voted on motion of S.V.C. Footman that the Quartermaster procure a Mat for the door

Voted The following Comrades on motion of Surg R. W. Snow was ordered suspended James Hacking Isaac Cole Harrison A Rogers & John Fagan

Bills of
John [illegible] and Headquarters Dept were read and on motion of P.D.J. Donaghy

Voted paid on approval of finance Committee

Number of Comrades Present 36

Closed by order

Wm Hawes
Act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Post #1 Dept
Mass G.A.R. Jan 2nd 1889

Meeting Called to Order by
P. C. George S Gifford

Officers Present

S.V.C. J.W. Footman	J.V.C. Albert F. Caldwell
Surg R.W. Snow	2.M. Chas F. Burgess
Adjt Wm Hawes act	Chap H.B. Haines
O.D. J. Donaghy	O.G. S.P. Lusombact
S.M. John Smith act	2 M.S. John Marble

Records of the last Meeting read and approved

Report of the Sick

Comrade Taylor	Improved doing well
" Topham	Slightly Improved
" Mathews	About the same
To visit " " "	Caldwell & Carpenter
" " Topham	Braley & Benjamin
" " Taylor	J. Donaghy & Trip

An invitation from S. G. Gidley Committee of the first Primitive Methodist Mission to a Divine Services and Lecture to a Stranger by Rev O. M. Cousens was read and on motion of C. D. J. Donaghy it was voted to accept the invitation

Comrade Hotarton made a motion that the Comrades go in Citizens clothes seconded by Comrade Bowman and
Voted that the Post turn out in Uniform and attend the services

Bills of
P. M. Topham – Standard Office
Josephus Buckley – Chas T. Burgess
Wm Hawes – Edison Illuminated 60
were read and ordered Paid on affirmation of the finance Committee

Voted that the reading of the records be dispensed with for this evening

Number of Comrades Present 57

Closed in form
Wm Hawes act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman
Post No. 1 Dept of Mass G.A.R.
New Bedford Jan 2nd 1889

At the close of the regular meeting the Post formed in line and under the command of P.C. Geo. P Gifford marched to Odd Fellows Hall corner of Purchase and William Sts where a public installation was held and the following named Officers were installed by Past Post Com James L Wilber

P.C. Geo. P. Gifford
S.V.C. Albert H Caldwell J.V.C. Chas H Burgess
Surg Holder K Crisp Q.M. John Smith
Chap Henry B. James O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adjt Spencer L Chamberlin O.G. Geo. H. Carpenter
S.M. Roland W. Snow Q.M.S. John Marble

S L Chamberlin Adjt

Officers for 1889

See next page

Odd Fellows Hall corner Williams and Purchase

Standard

Mercury

INSTALLATIONS.

A Pleasant Gathering in G. A. R. Hall Last Evening.

There was a very pleasant gathering at [redacted] hall last evening, on the occasion of the joint installation of the newly elected officers of William Logan Rodman Post 1 and William Logan Rodman Woman,s Relief Corps No. 53. The hall was filled with members of the above organizations and friends. The first to be installed were the officers of the post. Past Post Commander James L. Wilber was the installing officer. The following are the officers:

Post Commander—George P. Gifford.
Senior Vice Commander—A. F. Caldwell.
Junior Vice-Commander—Charles T. Burgess.
Surgeon—H. R. Tripp.
Quartermaster—John Smith.
Chaplain H. P. James.
Officer of the Day—Joseph Donaghy.
Adjutant—S. C. Chamberlain.
Officer of the Guard—George H. Carpenter.
Sergeant-Major—R. W. Snow.
Quartermaster-Sergeant—John Marble.

After the officers of the Post had been installed Post Commander George P. Gifford made a few remarks relative to the condition of the Post at the beginning of 1889.

Then the officers of the Relief Corps were installed by Mrs. Sarah S. Fuller, Past National Commander of the National Woman's Relief Corps. The officers installed follow:

President—Mrs. Lucy M. James.
Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Cynthia M. Caldwell.
Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Jennie L. Topham.
Secretary—Mrs. Eliza M. Bliss.
Treasurer—Mrs. Minnie F. Taber.
Chaplain—Mrs. Laura A. Cudworth.
Conductor—Mrs. Lizzie Flanders.
Assistant Chaplain—Mrs. Mary R. Hathaway.
Guard—Mrs. Lizzie C. Snow.

At the conclusion of this feature of the evening's entertainment remarks were made by Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. James.

Dancing ended the pleasure of the evening.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

Officers of William Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R.,

And the Women's Relief Corps No. 53 Installed.

A Very Happy Gathering at Odd Fellows' Hall.

A public installation of the officers of William Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R., and William Logan Rodman Relief Corps, No. 53, was held in Odd Fellows' Hall last evening, and the lodge room was filled with members of the post and visiting friends. The officers of the post were first installed by Past Post Commander James L. Wilber, the ceremony being watched with great interest. The officers installed are:

Post commander—George P. Gifford.
Senior vice commander—A. F. Caldwell.
Junior vice commander—Charles T. Burgess.
Surgeon—H. R. Tripp.
Quartermaster—John Smith.
Chaplain—H. P. James.
Officer of the day—Joseph Donaghy.
Adjutant—S. C. Chamberlain.
Officer of the guard—George H. Carpenter.
Sergeant major—R. W. Snow.
Quartermaster sergeant—John Mable.

After the ceremony was concluded and Commander Gifford had been given the gavel, he addressed the comrades as follows:

Comrades—Again I thank you most heartily for the confidence you have in me, by again choosing me as your commander for another year. I assure you that I appreciate the honor, and shall, to the best of my ability, conduct the affairs of Post 1 as well during the present year as I have in the past, with all the improvements that I can make. During the past year you have done all that could be expected to make my position pleasant and agreeable. In fact I have never found a comrade backward, but ever willing to fulfill any request that his commander might call upon him to perform. We have found at the outpost 35 worthy and deserving defenders of our country and gathered them into camp during the past year, a record that we may all feel proud of. And considering the field we have to work upon, it, with two other posts in the city, is a credit to Post 1. And here let me say to friends here. William Logan Rodman Post 1 of New Bedford is the oldest consecutive working post in the United States, an honor that all the members feel proud of. Our Auxiliary Relief Corps No. 53 My associations with the officers and members have been of the pleasantest, and I doubt if a post in this country has an auxiliary that can excel No. 53. I have on a number of occasions during the year felt their worth, and my duties would have been very much more arduous had we not such a corps connected with the post. They are ever ready and willing to render us any assistance whenever required. Their work you are familiar with by their quarterly reports to the post. Long may they continue in their good cause.

The Sons of Veterans connected with the post, I am happy to find, are in a more prosperous condition, and the sun shines upon the camp again. And comrades I trust that you will give them all the encouragement possible and help them up. Visit them in their meetings, and show the boys you recognize them and their worth. The time has got to come, and it is not very far distant when they will be obliged to take our places.

The first break in our ranks occurred on last Memorial day just at the time when we were performing our sad duties of strewing floral tributes upon the graves of our departed comrades at Oak Grove cemetery. I refer to our late senior vice commander, Wm. T. Soule. Comrade Soule's record in the Grand Army was of the highest, having served us in several capacities, all of which he filled with honor, and his record during the war of the rebellion was one that any man might feel proud of. We mourn his loss. His familiar face will never be seen again in our post-room. All honor to his noble name.

Our next break was in the death of Comrade Lucius Pierce. His record in the Grand Army was most noble and grand, and his familiar face is missed, comrades, at our campfires and meetings. Let us all leave as noble records as these two comrades. Comrades, I trust you will all take as much interest in the meetings of the post this year as you have in the past, and that the officers will be as attentive to their duties. If you do I am satisfied the year will be both pleasant for us and prosperous for the post.

To the retiring officers I extend my heartfelt thanks for the able support they have rendered me during the year just closed, and I trust they will hold the same interest in the post as they did while in the chairs they have just vacated. To you all, comrades, ladies of the auxiliary corps, Sons of Veterans, friends of the Grand Army, I wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

Then the post officers gave up their chairs to the Relief Corps and the following officers were installed by Mrs. Sarah S. Fuller, past national commander of the National Woman's Relief Corps:

President—Mrs. Lucy M. James.
Senior vice president—Mrs. Cynthia M. Caldwell.
Junior vice president—Mrs. Jennie L. Topham.
Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bliss.
Treasurer—Mrs. Minnie F. Taber.
Chaplain—Mrs. Laura A. Cudworth.
Conductor—Mrs. Lizzie Flanders.
Assistant chaplain—Mrs. Mary R. Hathaway.
Guard—Mrs. Lizzie C. Snow.

The ceremony was certainly not less interesting than that of the preceding installation, and the women gave their salutes equally as well as the men. Mrs. James on taking charge of the corps spoke as follows:

I thank you Mrs. Fuller for the honor you have conferred us by installing the officers of our corps. My thanks are due also to the commanding comrades of Post 1 for so kindly inviting us to join with them in these ceremonies, thus cementing more fully the members of post and corps. And to you, my sisters, tried and true, I give my thanks for the great honor you have done me in again placing in my hand the guidance of this corps. You all know this honor was not of my seeking, but I have yielded to the will of the majority, and at your desire have again assumed the duties and cares of this position, and promise to do all that I can to promote the welfare of corps fifty-three and its great work. We have the honor of having with us a life member of the national council of the Woman's Relief Corps, one greatly loved and honored by the Grand Army and its auxiliary everywhere, who has earned her honors bravely and worn them meekly, and has worked for the veterans since the beginning of the war. I have the pleasure of introducing to you our past national president, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller said she had scarcely had time to regain her breath. She had long been interested in the boys of the Grand Army, and had been since the first guns were fired in 1861. Her heart was with the army and she loved the order to which she belonged, and had a veneration for the men for what they did for us. She was glad to know of the success of the corps and during her thousands of miles of travels and visits to twenty-three different states where there were Grand Army posts she received the same hearty welcome she had received here, She finally stated that the men of the Grand Army were united as one man, and urged the corps to support its officers. She closed by urging the friends of the post and corps to think of the veterans of the war at the Soldiers' Home in Chester, Pa., and wished the corps, post and friends a happy new year.

Dancing to music of Rau's orchestra was in order after the installation.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Jan 6th 1884

On invitation of the First Primitive Methodist Mission to attend divine service on Sunday Jan 6th at 2.30 P.M. at Church No. 100 High Street and listen to a sermon by Rev. C. M Cousens L.L.D. of Methuen Mass a Comrad of the G.A.R. 32 comrades met at Head Quarters and under command of J.V.C. Charles G Burgess marched to the Church and on conclusion of the service returned to the Hall seemingly well pleased with the sermon and after being thanked by the J.V.C. for their presence were dismissed

S L Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Jan 9th 1889

Meting called to order and opened in due form
by P.C. Geo. P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A.H. Caldwell J.V.C. C.F. Bergess
Surg. H.K. Tripp 2.M. John Smith
Chap. H.B. James O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adjt S.C. Chamberlin O.G. G.H. Carpenter
S.M. K.W. Snow 2.M.S. John Marble

Records of last meting read and approved
The 2.M made his weekly report

Reports of the Sick

Comrade Taylor Improving
" Topham Comfortable
" Mathews no better
To visit Taylor Comrades Holberton & Weaver
" " Topham " Brayton & Rupell
" " Mathews Chap. James & Com. Oerting

Master

James H Bates was mustered as a Member of this Post

Application of Henry E Garlick was read and refered to the following Comittee S.V.C. A.H. Caldwell Chap H.B. James and Comrade Henry Rupsell

Reports of Quarter Master

The Q.M. made his report for the month of Dec and Quarterly report ending Dec 31st 1888 and said reports were referred to the auditing Committe

The auditing Committe reported having examined the Q.M. reports for the Months of Nov and Dec 1888 also the Quarterly report ending Dec 31st 1888 having found the same correct had approved them

Voted on motion of J.V.C. Burgess that the report be accepted and placed on file

New Business

Voted on motion of S.V.C Caldwell that the Q.M. have the straps fixed that carry the Post colors

Voted on motion of J.V.C. Burgess that the Q.M. have the flags repaired

Conference Committee

Communication from the President of the W.R.C No. 53 asking for a conference committee to confer together on matters of interest to both Post & Corps for the year ensuing the following were appointed Com. Geo P Kifford J.V.C. & J Burgess Chap. H.B. James Q.M. John Smith and Asst S.C. Chamberlin

Voted on the question of discarding our Helmets for some other Head wear be laid on the table for one week and the Commander have Notice inserted in the Daily Papers calling Comrades attention to a meeting of special importance

Relief Report of Wm Logan Rodman Relief Corps No 53 for the 4th Quarter 1888 was received read and placed on file

Commander Gifford made a verbal report as one of the Delegates to the Bristol County Association Convention held at Attleborough this day Jan 9 – and that the next field day meeting will be held in Fall River on Labor day

Voted on motion of J. V. C. Burgess that the Q. M. procure 10 copies of the National rules & Regulations

Voted on motion of J. V. C. Burgess that Comrade John Alsop's dues be remitted to Jan 1 89

Voted on motion of Comrade J. B. Bowman that the first three Officers be a committe to see about procuring breach loading Muskets for the firing party

Bills

Voted on motion of J. V. C. Burgess the bills of Joseph Buckley be paid on the approval of the Finance Committe

Voted that the D. M. see what arrangement can be made with the Sons of Veterans about the rent due the Post

Number comrades present 34

Closed according to the Ritual

S. C. Chamberlain
Adj't

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G A R New Bedford Jan 16. 1889

Meting called to order and opened in due form
by P. C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C.	A.F. Caldwell	J.V.C.	C.F. Burgess
Surg.	H K Gripp	Q.M.	John Smith
Chap.	H B James	O.D.	Joseph Donaghy
Adjt	S C Chamberlin	O.G.	G H Carpenter
S.M.	R W Snow	Q.M.S.	John Marble

Records of the last meting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report

Reports of the sick

Comrade Taylor better
" Reeves in a very critical condition
" Mathews about the same as last report
" Topham a little improved
" Perrin quite sick

To visit the sick

Taylor J.B. Russell & Atwood
Mathews S.V.C. Caldwell & Staples
Topham England & Soule
Perrin O.D. Donaghy & J.V.C. Burgess
Reeves was not allowed to see any one at present the Commander would attend to him

Ballot

on the application of Henry E Garlick the Committee all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected

Reports of Committees

Committee on new Breach loading Muskets reported progress

Unfinished Business

The matter in regard to change of Helmets for some other head wear was taken from the table

Comrade Holberton made a motion that we discard the Helmet Hat and wear McClellan caps after some discussion what the style of the cap was

Voted on motion of Comrade A J Smith that the Question be laid on the table until our next regular meeting

New Business

Voted on motion of A J Smith that the Commander and Q M be a committee to procure samples of caps and have them here at our next meeting

Voted on Motion of the Adjt that we Suspend the rules and have our next regular meeting on Friday Evening Jan. 25th

a communication from Geo. S. Hoxt asking information in regard to relatives of Henry B. Jewett late Sergt in 2nd U.S Artillery at Fort Barrancas where he died Dec 28th was read

a circular from John Goodwin Jr Post 82 G.A.R. Marblehead was read asking aid for Comrades who suffered from the late fire in that place

Voted on motion of Comrade Slocum that a subscription be taken for the said Comrades

Voted a recess of five minutes and that the O.D. and O.G. take a collection for their benifit time of recess having expired the meeting was called to order

Bills

of L.S. Ramsdell Lodge I.O.O.F. and M.R.L. No 53 were read

Voted that the several bills be paid on approval of the finance Committee

Voted on motion of J.V.C. Burgess that the bills approved by J.L. Wilbur Chairman of Relief Com be referred back to said Committee for information

Number Comrades present 63

There being no further business closed according to Ritual

S.L. Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. Jan 24 1889

Special Meeting

Called to order by P.C. Geo P Gifford
to take action on the funeral of Comrade
N L Reve on Motion of O.D. J Donaghy
Voted that the first three Officers be a
Committee to make arangements for
the funnal services of Comrade N L Reve
Voted on Motion of J.V.C. Burgess that
the Post turn out in full uniform
Voted on Motion of H C Slopson that
we procure the Fife Drum and Bugle corps

Guard of Honor

Comrades J B Bowman J Parkingson
" Knott Sowle
" Whipple Oesting

No farther business closed without form

Wm Howes Act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mass G.A.R. Jan 25th 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form
by P.C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A H Caldwell	J.V.C. C F Burgess
Surg H K Gripp	2 M. John Smith
Chap H B James	O.D Joseph Donaghy
Adjt R W Snow Act	O.G. G H Carpenter
S.M.	2 M.S John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

2 M. made his weekly report

Reports of the sick

Comrade Mathews about the same
" Topham a little improved
" Perrin better

To visit the sick

Comrade Mathews S.M. R.W. Snow J.V.C. Burgess
" Topham S.V.C. Caldwell Com Buckley
" Perrin Com Weaver & Staples

Death

Comrade N. L. Reve reported
Jan 24th 1889

Reports of Committee

The com
furnished samples
Voted on Motion O.D. J Donaghy a
minutes be declared to exp

on Motion of Com Holberton
Cap marked 86 ammended
that the Committee have one
to furnish more samples
A. J. Smith
Voted that the whole matter be
table for one week

J.V.C. Burgess reported
a mat for the entry hall
to do so when he was 2 M

Bills

Voted Bill of C.F. Wing be paid on
Committee Bill of J.M. Li
Voted to be paid from the Relief
of Relief Committee
Voted the reading of the minutes
dispensed with Minutes of
closed according to ritual

S.M. R.W. Snow

Death

Comrade N. L. Reeve reported deceased
Jan 24th 1889

Reports of Committees

The committee on caps furnished samples

Voted on Motion O. D. J Donaghy a recess of ten minutes be declared to examine the caps

on Motion of Com Holbeton we adopt the cap marked 86 ammended by A J Smith that the committee have one weeks further time to furnish more samples on motion of A. J. Smith

Voted that the whole matter be laid on the table for one week

J. F. C. Burgess reported he had procured a mat for the entry having been instructed to do so when he was P. M.

Bills

Voted Bill of C. H. Wing be paid on approval of finance committee Bill of J. M. Tilton

Voted to be paid from the Relief fund on approval of Relief committee

Voted the reading of the minutes of meeting be dispensed with Number of communications 5 closed according to ritual

S. M. R. W. Snow act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mo's G.A.R Sunday Jan 27, 1889

The comrades met according to orders
to attend to the funeral and burial
of our late comrade N L Rose
about 50 were present and the services
were conducted according to the Ritual
the funeral services were held in G A R
Hall the sermon by the Rev M. C. Julian

S C Chamberlain Adj't

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mo's G.A.R. Jan 30. 1889

Meting called to order and opened in due form by P.C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. Com Brayton act J.V.C. Geo Taylor act-
Surg H R Tripp 2 M. John Smith
Chap H B James O D J Donaghy
Adj't S.M. K.W Snow act O.G. G.H Carpenter
2 M S John Marble

Records of the last Meeting read and approved

2 M made his weekly report

General Orders

No 10 from Dept H.Q. read and placed on file

Report of Sick

Comrade Mathews little more comfortable
" Topham about the same
" Perrin " " "

To visit the sick

" Mathews Brayton and Goodman
" Topham J B Rupell " H.C. Slocum
" Perrin Leonard " C.H Peirce

Muster

Henry E Garlick was duly mustered as a Member of this Post

Application for Membership of Nelson Knisley was received and refered to the following Committee for investigation James Yblood H. R. Tripp and Wm Hatch

The Committee on Caps was not ready to report

Voted that they have one weeks further time

New Business

Voted on motion of Com Holberton that the P. C. be a committee of one to procure a picture of our late Com N L Reese and the same be hung on the wall of the Post room

Voted on motion of Com Holberton in regard to price to charge the U. V. Legion for rent of Hall ~~for night~~ be laid on the table for one week to give the 2 M. time to find out the running expenses of this Hall per night

A communication from J. B. Bowman in behalf of the Guard of Honor over

the remains of our late Comrade N. L. Reed
asking for some pay was read
Voted on Motion of A. J. Smith the Guard be
paid Two dollars apiece

on Motion A. J. Smith there be a committee
of three said committee to be the first
three Officers of the Post to constitute
a Memorial Day committee and they notify
Post 146 and Post 190 and ask for a
committee of conference
Voted on Motion of J. M. John Smith that
the question lay on the table for one
week
on motion of J. V. C. Burgess
Voted that the Post visit the W. R. C. No. 53
one week from to morrow evening and they
attend in uniform

Chaplain of Richard Borden
Post No. 46 made interesting remarks
for the good of the Order

Bills

S. Eggers Mercury Pub. Co. J. Linkham
& W. Ripley Geo E. H. D. & Buck Works
and J. H. Healy were read and ordered
paid on approval of finance committee
The bill of J. Linkham for watching
James M. Tilton for same was ordered
paid from the Watchers fund

on Approval of Relief Corps

The bill of J. M. Gilton for an operation be paid from the Relief fund on approval of Relief Corps

Voted on motion of A J Smith there be Twenty Dollars transpired from the Post fund to the Watchers fund

Voted That the Roanoke Veteran Association have the use of this Hall next Saturday night

Voted to dispense reading the minutes of the meeting

Number of Comrades present 41

Closed according to Ritual

S Major K. W. Snow Act Adjt

Head Quarters Wm S Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mass G.A.R Feb 6th 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form
by P.C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A Heald well J.V.C. C.T. Burgess
Surg H.R. Tripp Q.M. John Smith
Chap H.B. James O.D. J Donaghy
Adjt R.W. Snow Act. O.G. Q.M. Carpenter
Q.M.S J Marble

Records of last Meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report

Report of Sick

Comrade Arnold reported sick quite no

Report of Committee to visit Sick

Comrade Mathews quite comfortable
" Topham about the same
" Perrin better

To Visit the sick

Com Mathews Com Whipple and Deering
" Topham " A.J. Smith " Atwood
" Perrin " Geo Taylor " Lumbard
" Arnold " Braley " Sexton

Report of Application for membership
The Com on Application of Nelson Kinsley
made a majority report and was
accepted and on a ballot he was elected

The 2 M made a report of the nums'
expenses of this Hall per night
Voted the report be received and placed
on file

Unfinished Business

The Committee on Loops made a report
with Sample a recess of five minutes
was declared for Comrades to examine
the same called to order and
on motion of A J Smith the subject
of loops be taken from the table
Voted on motion of A. J. Smith we adopt
loop 86 amended by Com Goodman
that we adopt the last Sample
the amendment carried
Voted on motion of Com Palmer that
the same Com procure as many
loops as called for by Com of the Post
Voted on motion of Com Wilbur the Loops
be ventilated on the sides

The comitte on fire arms made
a report on motion of Com Goodman
Voted the Committee have further time

Voted on motion of Com Palmer the matter of Memorial Day Com be taken from the table

Voted we adopt the original motion

Voted the subject of letting Hall to W R C be taken from the table

Voted on motion of Com Wilber we let the W R C have the use of Hall for Two Dolls and Fifty cts per night

New Business

The 2 M. made his report for the Month of January 1889 and was refered to the Auditing Committee

The 2 M. reported having received Ten Dollars donated by Com Gilbert V Hall ~~for the Relief~~ fund of this Post

A circular was read with a petition to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of Mass praying that Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1888 relating to pauper aid for indigent Soldiers and Sailors may be repealed and Chapter 30 of the Public Statutes may be so amended as to provide for that class of Cases

Voted That the Commander and Adjt sign the said petition for the Post

Court Martial.

Voted on motion of Com Wilbur that a court martial be ordered by this Post for the trial of Com Levi S Morse on the charge of drunkness in the Post room and on parade on Sunday Jan 27th 1889 and that before the motion is put the charge and specifications be read by the Commander which was complied with

Voted on motion of A. J. Smith - the Q M sell all old frames and other articles of no use to the Post and the proceeds be placed in the Relief fund

Bills

of Q M John Smith J. Buckley and G. C. Blish ordered paid on approval of finance Committee

Voted that the bill of G H Whipple for Relief be paid from the Relief fund

Voted the bill of Whipple be laid on the table for one week

Voted the reading of the minutes of the meeting be dispensed with

Number of Comrades present 59

Closed according to Ritual

R. W. Snow Act Adjt.

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Feb 13, 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form by P.C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A H Caldwell J.V.C. C.T. Burgess
Surg H.R. Tripp 2 M. John Smith
Chap H B James O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adjt S.L. Chamberlin O.G. Geo H Carpenter
S.M. R W Snow 2 M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

2 M. made his weekly report

Gen Orders from National H.Q. No 5 read and placed on file

Report of committee to visit Sick

Comrade Mathews about the same
" Topham " " "
" Perrin " " "
" Arnold no report

To visit sick the coming week

Comrade Mathews Comrades Parkinson and Rupell
" Topham " Braley and Wilcox
" Perrin " Chas Peirce and Chase
" Arnold " Footman and Atwood

Rules were suspended by unanimous vote and Past Post Commander James L Wilber in behalf of the Post presented Commander Geo P Clifford with an elegant regulation Sword with extra Scabbard which was feelingly accepted Remarks were made by Comrade C W Ripley and others The other Equipments consisting of Belt Hat Badge &c having been presented in Boston at the time of Dept Convention Commander Efford having been commissioned on the Staff of the Commander in Chief Wm Warren The comrades deemed it fitting to present him the said Equipments for his faithful service to the Post in the past and considering it an honor to us by the appointment being from Post, I A recess of ten minutes was declared to give Comrades a chance to inspect the Equipments and were pronounced first class by all Post called to order and proceeded to business

Muster

Nelson Kingsley was duly mustered as a Comrade of this Post

Applications of

Wm P Booth and Michael Prindeville were received and referred to the following Committee on Booth. Wm Atwood C W Ripley and Chas Brayton on Prindeville J. V. C A. H Caldwell Chap H. B. James and Surg H. K. Tripp

Committee on Markets reported and on
motion of Comrade Wilber the matter was
laid on the table

Bill of Comrade Whipple
was taken from the table on motion of Comrade
Wilber

Voted that said bill be paid from the Watchers
fund

J.V.C. Bursey made a motion that that
the Q.M. make out a list of all comrades
of this Post who are six months in arrears
and place the same in the hands of the
Chairman of the Relief Committee to be
revised ~~frequently~~ that the same may
be kept correct Motion carried

New Business

The Commander made a verbal report
of the doings at the Dept Convention

Auditing Committee

Appointed for the year ensuing
J.V.C. C.J. Bursey C.H. Bliss and R.W. Snow
and on motion of S.V.C. Caldwell they
were accepted by the Post

Voted on motion of Comrade Wilber that a
committee of three be appointed to investigate
cases of Comrades who are in arrears
for dues to this Post and report to the Post

Voted that the Commander have one weeks time to appoint said Committee

Voted on motion of Comrade Hootman that the 2nd M. be instructed to get price of a new alter for center of the Hall

Communication from Orient Lodge I.O.O.F was read

Voted On Motion of J.V.C Burgess it be received and placed on file

Voted To dispense with reading of the records

Number of Comrades present 51

Closed according to Ritual

S.C. Chamberlain
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post. 1
Dept Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Feb 20 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form by S.V.C. A F Caldwell

Officers present

S.V.C. C F Burgess act	J.V.C. C H. Bliss act
Surg H K Tripp	Q.M. John Smith
Chap H B James	O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adjt S C Chamberlin	O.G. G H. Carpenter
S.M. R W Snow	Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report
Comrade J. O'Hara reported sick
Report of committee to visit sick
Comrade Mathews about the same
" Topham improving slowly
" Perrin some better
" Arnold better so as to be out

Committee to visit sick
Comrade Mathews Comrades Benjamin & Perry
" Topham " Peckham & Little
" Perrin " Taylor & Bliss
" O'Hara " Whipple & Earle

Committee on application of Michael Brindville and Wm P. Boothe reported favorably and on ballot they were Elected

Reports of Committees

The 2 M. made a report that he could have the alteration made to the bore of the Altar for Five dollars

Voted on motion of Commade Holbeton amended by J. V. C. Burgess that the 2 M have the Altar changed the wood to be black Walnut the amt not to exceed Five dollars.

The Committee appointed to confer with Committees from the other two Ports made a partial report

Voted on motion of the 2 M. that we observe Memorial day and decorate the graves as usual by a unanimous rising vote and that the committee be instructed to conform to this vote in their conference with the Committees from Port 146 and Port 190.

The 2 M reported that he had in his possession Seven dollars and ninety seven cents for the benefit of G. A. R. Post of Marblehead

Voted on motion of J. V. C. Burgess that the 2 M. forward the money to the Commander of the Post at Marblehead with what other money he receives for that purpose

Commade Holbeton made a motion that we notify the Bank who is Treasurer of the Donation Relief fund

Voted on motion of 2 M Smith that the motion be laid on the table for one week

A communication from Comrade
Winslow was read and on motion of J. F. C.
Voted that it be referred to the Commander
that he may interview the Comrade and
report to the Post
A Comrade from Pawtucket R. I. made
some remarks for the good of the order
Number Comrades present 45
Closed according to Ritual
S. C. Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodmen Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Feb 27th 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form by P.C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A.F. Caldwell	J.V.C. C.T. Burgess
Surg H.K. Tripp	2 M. John Smith
Chap H.B. James	O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adjt S.C. Chamberlin	O.G. F.H. Carpenter
S.M. R.W. Snow	2 M. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

2 M made his weekly report

Gen'l Orders No 1 from Dept Hd Quarters was read and placed on file

Reports of Committee to visit sick

Comrade Mathews no better
" Topham some improved
" Perrin about the same
" O'Hara so as to be out

To visit sick

Comrade Mathews		Comrades Carter & J. Wilcox			
"	Topham	"	J. Rupell	"	Slocum
"	Perrin	"	C.H. Peirce	"	Geo Taylor
"	O'Hara	"	Brady	"	Hines

Murder

Michael Prindiville and Wm P Booth were duly Mustered as Comrades of this Post

Report of Auditing Committee for 2 M accounts for the Month of Jan was received and placed on file

Unfinished business

Motion in relation to notifying the Bank who is Treasurer of the Annal donation Relief Fund was taken from the Table amended so that when money is to be drawn from the fund it shall be by an Order signed by the Commander of this Post

Commander appointed J. W. Footman 2 M John Smith and O. D. J Donaghy as a committee on delinquent Members

Voted to sustain the Court Marshal in their findings and sentence of Comrade Levi S. Morse to one year Suspension from Membership in this Post

Voted on motion of S. V. C. Caldwell that we have a Clambake next Wednesday night and we invite our families and W. R. C No. 53 and that Comrades of the Post pay the bills

Voted on motion of Comrade ~~Holbrook~~ that a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements and that Comrade Kuig be one of that committee The Commander appointed S.V.C Caldwell C & H Peirce J B Russell and A J Smith {V see bottom page}

Bills

The bill of Comrade Palmer for services and expense in Court Martials ordered paid on approval of finance committee

Voted on Motion of J.M. Smith that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with

Number of Comrades present 47

Colored according to Ritual

S C Chamberlain Adj't

V Communication from C.Y Burgess Secty of the Roanoke Veteran Association thanking us for the use of our Hall on the evening of the 2nd was received and placed on file

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford March 6th 1889

Meeting called to order and opened in due form by P.C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A H Caldwell	J.V.C. C F Burgess
Serg't R K Griffith	2d M. John Smith
Chap. H B James	O.D. Joseph Donaghy
Adj't S.C. Chamberlin	O.G. H Carpenter
S.M. R W Snow	2d M. S. John Marble

Records of last meeting read and approved

2d M. made his weekly report Balance cash on hand $339.05

Reported sick
Comrades Pardon W. Jenny and
Wm A Gifford

Report of committee to visit sick
Comrade Mathews no better
" Topham about the same
" Perrin same as last report
" O Hora so as to be out

To visit the sick

Comrade Mathews Comrade Leercomb & Chas James
" Lapham " Brayton & C. Chase
" Perrin " Carter & W. Hawes
" O Hara " Parkinson & Whipple
" P W Jenny S.V.C. Caldwell & O.D. Donaghy
" W. A. Gifford Comrades Slocum & Geo Taylor

Reports of Committee

The report of the Fair Committee was read and on motion of S.V.C. Caldwell that the report be received and the Money placed in the relief fund amended on motion of J.V.C. Burgess that Fifty dollars be placed in the Watchers fund amendment carried

Voted on motion of S.M. K.W. Snow to reconsider the last motion

Voted on motion of S.M. K.W. Snow that the report of the Fair Committee be accepted and the ballance after placing 50 dollars in the watchers fund be placed in the Relief fund

Memorial day committee reported progress

The Q.M. read his report for the month of Feb and it was refered to the auditing Committee

The following motion was read by the Adjt. That the 2 M. in behalf of the Post make out a bill to the amount of the expense the Post went to for the funeral of our late Comrade N. L. Reed and present it to the Administrator of his Estate and the motion was put and carried

Voted on Motion of Comrade Holbrook that the Treasurer of the Fair Committee be instructed to pay over the money in his possession to the Selectmen and Watchman fund

Bills

of Josephus Buckley for services as Janitor for the Sons of Veterans

The Edison Electric Lighting Co.

and Josephus Buckley for services as Janitor for the Post

Voted the several Bills be paid on approval of Finance Committee

Number of Comrades present 41

Closed according to Ritual

S. L. Chamberlain

Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept Mass G.A.R. New Bedford March 13th 1889

Meeting called to Order by P.C.
Geo P. Gifford

Officers present
S.V.C. A.H. Caldwell J.V.C. J.W. Goodman acting
Q.M. H.R. Tripp Q.M. John Smith
Chap H.B. James O.D. J. Donaghy
Adjt R.W. Snow acting O.G. A.J. Smith acting
S.M. Wm Hawes acting Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of last meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report

Genl Orders No 6 from National H.Q.
received and placed on file

Sick Report
S.C. Chamberlin reported sick

Report of committee to visit sick
Comrade Mathews about the same
" Topham " " " "
" Perrin better
" P.W. Denny gaining
" W.A. Gifford "
" O Hearn so as to be out

To visit the sick H K Lipp

Comrade Mathews Comrade J. Rupell and Lang
" Topham " Weaver & Benjamin
" Perrin " A J Smith & Wilcox
" P W Jenny " Durkin & Hines
" W A Gifford " Geo Taylor & Simmons
" P Hoerr " Whipple

P. W. Jenny placed on the benefit list from this date

Reports of Committees

Memorial Day Committee reported everything progressing finely

Committee on Clam Boil reported receipts $14.66 and expended $16.66
Voted the report be accepted and the balance of $2.00 be paid from Post fund

New Business

Comrade Geo. Taylor asked for two iron flags
Voted on motion of Comrade Hoolman that his request be granted
Voted on Motion of Comrade Hoolman a list of the Officers names be placed in a frame and be hung in the Asst room

Bills

J J L Luce Mayfield $60 were ordered paid on approval of finance committee

Bill of J M. Tillon was ordered paid from the Relief fund

Voted on Motion of A J Smith that the Relief committee be instructed not to employ any one to perform any more operations on Comrade P M. Topham

Voted on Motion of J W. Goodman that the Chairman of the Relief committee notify Mrs Topham to that effect

Number of Comrades present 45

Closed according to Ritual

S E Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No. 1
Dept of Mass. G. A. R. New Bedford March 20/89

Post opened in due form by P.C.
Geo. P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A. H. Caldwell J.V.C. C.F. Burgess
Surg. H. R. Tripp Chap. Geo Taylor Asst
O.D. J.D. Donaghy 2 M. J. Smith
Adjt R.W. Snow Asst O.G. G.H. Carpenter
2 M.S. J. Marble

Records of last Meeting read and approved
2 M. made his weekly report

Circular letter No 3 from Nat'l H.Q.
and Genl Orders No 2 from Dept H.Q.
were received and placed on file

Sick report

Comrade	Mathews	no better
"	Topham	about the same
"	Perrin	" " "
"	P W Jenny	improving
"	W A Gifford	at work
"	Adjt Chamberlin	no report

Adjt S.L. Chamberlin placed on benefit
from this date

Wm A Gifford placed on benefit to date from March 13th and declared off March 20th

The application of Edward H Ryder was read and referred to the following committee for investigation Commodore Weeden Lieut Lombard & W. C. Caldwell

A communication from Marblehead acknowledgeing the receipt of $ 10,40 from Post No 1 for the benefit of John Goodwin Jr Post 82 G A R

Voted on motion of J. H. C. Burgess that the communication be received and placed on file

Voted on motion of 2 M. John Smith that the Commander be a committee of one to confer with the Captain of the S of V and to render what assistance may lie in his power for their benefit

2 M Smith reported that he received $4,51 from the sale of Post property by auction

Bills of S C Lowe 2 M John Smith H. 2. Dept of Mass were ordered paid on approval of finance committee No. Commander 20 Members

closed in form

S C Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post. 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford March 27 /89

Post opened in due form by P.C. Geo P. Gifford
Officers present
S.V.C. A.F. Caldwell J.V.C. C.G. Burgess
Surg H.R. Gripp Chap H.B. James
2 M. John Smith O.D. J. Donaghy
Adjt K.W. Snow Sect O.G. G.H. Carpenter
2 M.S. John Marble

Records of last meting read and approved

2 M made his weekly report

Sick report

Comrade	Mathews	no better
"	Topham	some improvement
"	Perrin	about the same
"	P.W. Jenny	so as to be out
"	Chamberlin	no better

To visit the sick

Comrade	Mathews	J.B. Russell & Lurcomb
"	Topham	A.J. Smith & Atwood
"	Perrin	A. Perrin & Weaver
"	Jenny	Hines & Whipple
"	Chamberlin	S.V.C. Caldwell & J.V.C. Burgess

Comrade O'Hara declared of benefit list from this date

Comrade John Woolley reported sick and placed on the benifit from this date

on application of Edward N Ryder the committee all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected

The application of Albert G Shaw was read and referred to the following committee for investigation A J Smith W. W. Atwood J Parkinson

The Commander having a dispensation from Dept H.Q. the investigating Committee all reported favorably on the application of Albert G. Shaw and on a ballot he was elected

Edward N Ryder was duly mustered as a member of this Post

Comrade Edwin Emery made application for a transfer from this Post

A communication from Thaddeus Winthrop Post No 35 with a petition was receive and laid on the table and we write to Head Quarters for information regarding said petition

Voted on motion O. D. J. Donaghy that D M have a frame made for the picture of the

Soldiers Monument and it be hung
on the Wall in the Post Room

Bills

The Clamboil bill ordered paid on
the approval of the finance Committee

Number of Comrades present 37

closed in form

R. W. Snow Act Adj't

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Mass 3rd 1889

Post opened in due form by P.C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. C.G. Burgess — J.V.C. J.B. Rupell acct
Surg H.R. Tripp — Chap H.B. James
O.D. J. Donaghy — 2 M. John Smith
Adjt S.C. Chamberlain — O.G. A.J. Smith
S.M. K.W. Snow — 2 M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved
2 M. made his weekly report and in Post fund $324.26
X 2 M. made his Monthly and Quarterly reports and said reports were referred to the auditing committee

Sick report

Comrade Mathews no better
" Topham improving
" Perrin no better
" P W Jenny better
Adjt Chamberlain better

To visit the sick

Comrade Mathews Derling and J. Wilcox
" Topham A J Smith and H Howes
" Perrin J B Rupell J.V.C. Burgess
" P W Jenny Luscomb and H Wilcox

Application of Alexander O. Peirce
was read and refered to the following
committee for investigation Leonards
Albert Braley A. J. Smith - J. B. Russell

Auditing Committee made the report of
of the P.M accounts for the month of
February found the correct and
had approved the same The report
was received and placed on file

Voted on motion of J. V. C. Burgess that the
petition of Theodore Winthrop Post be taken
from the table
Voted to lay on the table for another week

X

A communication was read from Wm A
Taylor stating his circumstances in regard
to paying his dues
Voted on motion of Surg H. K. Tripp Leonard
Wm A Taylor was dropped from the
Post
A. J. Smith stated that two weeks from
this date I shall make a motion that the
Post purchase 8 breach loading muskets
John H. Lawrence requested to be admitted
to this Post by transfer refered to the following
committee for investigation S. M. K. W. Snow
J. V. C. C. Y. Burgess and Comrade J. B. Russell

Bills

of S. C. Chamberlin Anthony & Jones Mercury Pub. Co. Briggs & Lawrence Edison Lighting Co. & J Buckley were received

Voted on motion of O. D. J Donaghy that the several Bills be paid on approval of finance Committee

Voted the reading of the minutes be dispensed with- Number of Comrades present 38

Closed according to Ritual

S. C. Chamberlin.
Cdr

Head Quarters Wm Logan Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford Apr 10th 1889

Post called to order and opened in due form by P.C. Geo. P. Tifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A.H. Caldwell J.V.C. C.G. Burgess
Surg H.R. Tripp Chap H.B. James.
O.D. Joseph Donaghy 2 M. John Smith
Adjt S.C. Chamberlin O.G. & H. Carpenter
S.M. R.W. Snow 2 M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and Approved

2 M. made his weekly report cash on hand in Post fund $ 337.70

Report of Comrades to visit sick

Comrade	Mathews	no better
"	Topham	about the same
"	Perrin	no better
"	P.W. Jenny	improving
"	Chamberlin	much better

To visit sick

Comrade	Mathews	O.D. J Donaghy	& Hines
"	Topham	A.J. Smith	" Slocum
"	Perrin	Carter	" Weaver

Committee on application of Alexander O. Prince all reported favorable and on a ballot he was Elected Committee on application of J. H. Lawrence to join this Post by transfer all reported favorable and on a ballot he was also Elected

Application of Seth G Sampson was read and refered to the following Committee for investigation S. V. C. A. F. Caldwell Comrades Carter and Weaver

Q. M. reported having the picture of the Soldiers Monument framed

Voted on motion of A. J. Smith that the report be accepted and that the same be hung in the Hall

Voted The matter in relation to the petition of Theodore Winthrop Post No 35 of Chelsea be taken from the table

Voted that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed

Voted On motion of A. J. Smith the Commander and Q. M. be a committee to sell all the Austrian Rifles in possession of the Post and the proceeds go towards purchasing Breach loading Rifles

Quarterly report of W. K. C. No 53 was read

Voted On motion of Comrade Holbrook that the report be received and placed on file

The Commander made a report of the doings at the meeting of the Bristol County Association

A communication from Comrade Smith of Falmouth asking aid was referred to Chairman of Relief Committee

A communication was also received from Albert Goodwin Smith Post Woonsocket R. I. said Comrade asking aid referred to Relief committee of Ward 3

On motion of A J Smith that we transfer $ 150.00 from the Post fund to the Relief fund

Voted the matter be laid on the table one week

Voted On motion of J. V. C. Burgess that the committee on delinquent members Organize and attend to their duty or resigne

Remarks for the good of the order were made by J. V. C. Burgess A J Smith O. D. J Donaghy S. V. C. Caldwell Commander Telford and others

Bills were received and read Of E. P. Allen Wm Hawes and John Smith and on motion of O. D. J. Donaghy

Voted That the several Bills be paid on Approval of the finance Committee

Voted on motion of 2 M. John Smith that the reading of the minutes of the meeting be dispensed with

Number of Comrades present 49

Closed according to the Ritual

S L Chamberlain Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G. A. R. New Bedford Apr 17/89

Post opened in due form by P. C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S. V. C. A H Caldwell J. V. C. C. J. Burgess
Surg H R Tripp Chap H. B James
O. D. Joseph Donaghy 2 M. John Smith
Adjt S L Chamberlain O. G. A Braley Act.
S. M. R W Snow 2 M. S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and Approved

2 M. made his weekly report Cash on hand $354.69

Genl Orders No 7 from Nath H. 2.
and No. 3 from Dept H. 2. received
read and placed on file

Reported sick Comrades John Mitchell
and England

Reports of Comrades visiting the sick
Comrade Mathews about the same
" Topham no improvement
" Perrin rather better
" Peters no report
To visit the sick the coming week
Comrade Mathews S.V.B. Caldwell and Braley
" Perrin C. Peirce and Weaver
" England Walsh and Lounsbard
" Mitchell A.J. Smith and Hawes

On Application of Lieut J Sampson the
Majority of Committee reported favorably
Voted on motion of O.D. J. Donaghy the report
be accepted and the candidate be balloted
for and on a ballot he was Elected

Reports of Committees
Committee on delinquent members
reported progress

The auditing committee reported having

Examined the Q. M. accounts for the month of March also the Quarterly report ending March 31st had found the same correct and approved the same

Voted the report be accepted and placed on file

Voted On motion of A. J. Smith that the Post purchase Eight Breachloading guns

Voted That the Commander and Quartermaster be a committee to procure the Breachloading guns and also dispose of the guns in the racks in the Post room

The matter of transfering $150.00 from the Post fund to the Relief fund was taken from the table

Voted That the it be laid on the table again

A communication from Comrade Israel Smith asking for a transfer card was read

Voted On motion of A. J. Smith that we donate $10.00 to Comrade O. P. Smith of Falmouth from the Post fund

Visiting Comrades from a Cambridge Post also a Comrade

from Slocum Post Dept of R.I. made some remarks for the good of the order

Bills of the Mercury Pub. Co. Edwin Lewis and J L Wilbur were read C.D. J Donaghy made a motion that the several bill be paid on approval of the Finance Committee amended by C J Smith that the bill of J L Wilbur lay over one week after some discussion Smith was allowed to withdraw his amendment and the original motion was carried

Voted The reading of Minutes of meeting be dispensed with

Number Comrades present 33

Closed according to Ritual

S K Chamberlin
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No. 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford April 24 1889

Post opened in due form by P.C. Geo P Gifford

Officers present

S.V.C. A H Caldwell	J.V.C. C.H. Burgess
Surg H K Tripp	Chap H B James
O.D. J Donoghy	Q.M. John Smith
Adj't S C Chamberlin	O.G. A J Smith act
S.M. K W Snow	Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved.

Q.M. weekly report cash on hand $ 36.08

Reports from the sick

Comrade	Mathews	no better
"	Topham	no report
"	Perrin	about the same
"	P W Jenny	better
"	England	all right
"	John Mitchell	better
"	Peters	no report

To visit the sick

Comrade	Mathews	C.D. J Donoghy and S.M. J Marble
"	Perrin	Wm Hatch and Kasmire
"	Mitchell	S.V.C. Caldwell and Braley
"	Mitchell	placed on the benifits from date

Comrade Perrins benefits expired April 17th

Application for membership was read from David O Carver and was referred to the following committee for investigation Serg't H R Tripp Comrades Chas Peirce and P. H. King

Bettis J Sampson was duly mustered as a Member of this Post

A communication from W. E. Lougee Sec't of the Y. M. C. A. asking the Post to attend services at the North Leonard Church Sunday April 30th (the hour to be announced) it being the 100th anniversary of the Inauguration of Geo Washington as President of the United States and on Motion it was
Voted That we accept the invitation and the Post attend in uniform

A communication from Phil Kearny Post 10 Richmond Va. asking aid for Memorial Day was read
Voted It be received and placed on file

Comrade Perrins case was referred to the Relief Committee

Number of Comrades present 38

There being no further business closed according to Ritual

S. C. Chamberlain adj't

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R April 29th 1889

Special meeting
called to order by
Commander Geo. P. Gifford who stated that
it was to take action in regard to attending
the 100th anniversary of the Inauguration
of Geo. Washington as President of the
United States ceremonies to be held
in the Rink on County Street Thursday
evening April 30th by invitation of the
committee having the matter in charge
Voted That the Post attend in full uniform
and meet at the Post Head Quarters at
7 o'clock Thursday evening for such purpose
closed without form
S. H. Chamberlin
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. April 30th 1889

Post met according to orders 75 comrades in
line and marched to the Rink and attended
to the services of the 100th anniversary of the
inauguration of Geo. Washington as President
of the United States and after the ceremonies
were over the Post was dismissed in the
Rink
S. H. Chamberlin
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post 1
Dept of Map G.A.R. May 12th 1889

Post opened in due form by P.C. Geo. P. Tiffand
Officers Present
S.V.C. A.J. Caldwell J.V.C. C.S. Bursop
Surg H.R. Kripps Chap H.B. James
O.D. Joseph Donaghy Q.M. John Smith
Adjt S.C. Chamberlain O.G. & H Carpenter
S.M. Wm Hawes acting Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last regular Meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report

Genl Order No. 4 from Dept H.Q. was read and placed on file

Report of Comrades to visit the sick
Comrade Mitchell improving
" Mathews no better
" Perrin about the same

To visit the sick
Comrade Mitchell J.V.C. Bursop
" Mathews A.J. Smith and Brayton
" Perrin Earle and J.B. Rupell

Committee on the application of David O. Carver all reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected

The application of Benjamin Hillman was read and refered to the following committe for investigation J.V.C. A.F. Caldwell A.J. Smith and P.H. King

Also the application of Charles H Briggs for reinstatement in this Post was read and refered to the following committe for investigation J.B. Russell C.D. Joseph Donaghy and Sergt H.K. Tripp

Reports of Committes

On delinquent members made a partial report

Committe on procuring a picture of our late Comrade N.L. Keene submitted the following

New Bedford May 1st 1889

To Wm Logan Rodman Post 1 G.A.R. The committe appointed to obtain a picture of our late Comrade Nath L Keene have attended to this duty and said picture is here in the Post room Geo P Clifford

New Business

A communication from Wm Logan Rodman W.R.C No 53 was read inviting the Post to attend a Musical & Literary entertainment on Thursday Evening May 2nd at G.A.R. Hall

Voted That the invitation of the W.R.C. be accepted

Voted On motion of J.V.C. Burgess that the picture of

the Soldiers Monument be changed
to the center of the group of pictures
of our Honored dead
Voted on Motion of S.V.C. Caldwell amended by
Comrade A.J. Smith - that the picture of
our late Comrade N.L. Reed be hung on
the wall with the other pictures of our
dead Comrades
The P.M. made his report for the
month of April and it was referred to
the auditing Committee
A Comrade from Post 5 of Lynn made some
remarks concerning a Fair being held by said
Post in that city
Remarks by Comrade A.J. Smith concerning
Fair & Prizes
Verbal Report of Comrade Wilber concerning the
Mounting of the Guns on the Soldiers
Lot was made but no action was taken

Comander Gifford opened the meeting ten
minutes for the good of the order
A.J. Smith - commented on stopping
in entering the Hall O.D. Doughty responded
to Comrade Smiths remarks Other Comrades
also made some remarks
meeting called to order and the following
Bills were read J Buckley $ 9.40
Wm Hawes $ 6.50

Voted On motion of O. D. J Donaghy the several Bills be paid on the approval of the finance Committee

Voted on motion of A J Smith the Bill of J. M. Gilton be paid from the check held by the Commander

Voted On motion of O D J Donaghy the committee on Soldiers lot be instructed to have the Guns mounted

The Adjt asked permission in behalf of the standing Committee on Cemeteries to procure a suitable book for keeping a record of all Soldier and Sailor buried in Oak Grove and Rural Cemeteries or who may be buried there in the future

Voted On motion of Comrade Holbanton that the Committee have power to procure such a book

Voted On motion of J. T. C. Burgess that the adjt notify the Chairman of Committee on Soldiers lot the action of the Post in regard to the mounting of the Guns

Number of Comrades present 39

Voted the reading of the minutes of the meeting be dispensed with

Closed according to Ritual

S. C. Chamberlain Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post #1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. May 8th 1889

Post opened in due form by the P.C.
Geo. P. Kifford

Officers present

S.V.C. C.H. Caldwell J.V.C. Chas S. Burgess
Surg. H.R. Griffith Chap. H.B. Haynes
O.D. Joseph Donaghy Q.M. John Smith
Adjt. S.C. Chamberlain O.G. Geo H. Carpenter
S.M. K.W.S. now Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report
Cash on hand $327.83

Genl Orders
No 8 from National H.Q. and
No. 5 from Dept H.Q. were read
and placed on file

Sick report
Comrade Mathews about the same
" Mitchell improving
" Perrin "

Comrade Benj Wood reported as broken his leg
" Kasmire reported sick

To visit sick

Comrade	Matthews	J B Russell and J Wilcox
"	Mitchell	P King and Doule
"	Benj Wood	S F C Caldwell and Knott
"	Kasmire	Footman and Brayton

Reinstatement

On the application of Charles H Briggs the the committee all reported favorably and on a ballot he was rejected

Voted on motion of J W Footman that all Comrades who could not vote conscientiously be excused on the case of C H Briggs

Murder

Alexander O Pierce and David C Carver were mustered as Comrades of this Post

Application for Membership of Fred L Wilcox was referred to the following committee for investigation C D Joseph Donaghy J Lambert and J B Russell

committee on caps and guns reported progress

Voted on motion of J B Russell the Flag presented by the W R C No 53 be accepted by a rising vote of thanks and the adjt was ordered

to notify them of the action of the Post

Voted on Motion of J. V. C. Burgess that the Commander and Q. M. be a committee to to ascertain the cost of a State flag and report to the Post

Comrade King from Post 5 of Lynn made a few remarks

Bills of Josephus Buckley J. C. Kirkham Edison Electric Light Company Dept #2 and W. W. Crapo were read

Voted that the several bill be paid on approval of the finance committee

The bills of Dept #2 Edison Lighting Co and W W Crapo having been paid

Voted the action of the Q. M. be approved

Number of comrades present 57

Closed according to the Ritual

S. C. Chamberlin
Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No 1
Dept of Mass G.A.R. New Bedford May 15 1884

Post opened in due form by S.V.C. & J.V.C.
Officers present
S.V.C. C.P. Burgess act J.V.C. J.B. Rupell act
Surg H.K. Tripp Chap H.B. James
O.D. Joseph Donaghy Q.M. John Smith
Adjt S.L. Chamberlin O.G. Geo H. Carpenter
S.M. R.W. Snow Q.M.S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

Q.M. made his weekly report Cash on hand $357.81

Sick report

Comrade Mathews no better
" Mitchell so as to be out
" Perrin improving
" Benj Wood gaining
" Kenniu comfortable
" P.H. Topham at Soldiers Home gaining

Visit the sick

Comrade Mathews Chap James and Wm Hatch
" Mitchell J.V.C. Burgess " Collins Chace
" Perrin J.B. Rupell " Goodman
" Benj Wood Slocum " Chas Pierce
" Kenniu O.D. Donaghy " J. Wilcox

Reports of Committee on the
Application for Membership
of Fred. G. Wilcox the committee all
reported favorably and on a ballot
he was rejected

Of Benj' Hillman for
reinstatement the committe made a
Majority report

Voted On motion of Comrade Goodmen the majority
report be accepted and on a ballot he was
rejected

Applications for membership.
of Theodore W. Cole for reinstatement
was read and refered to the following
Committee for investigation S.C.
Chamberlin R.W. Snow and Wm Howes
of Orcan H. Aldrich was read and
refered to the following committee for
investigation J.B. Russell P. H. King
and Chas H. B. Jaynes

Reports of Committees
The committee on the ~~State~~ Flag made
a written report

Voted the report be accepted and placed on file

New Business

Voted On motion of Comrade Slopson that we purchase
the $ 50.00 Flag Amended that the name of
the Post be left off and that the same
committee procure the said State Flag

Bills

of H. W. Lindsey for use of Saddle contracted by Comrade L Bartlett was read

Voted not to pay said bill

of R W Faber for book

Voted the bill be paid on approval of finance committee

Number of comrades present 46

Closed according to Ritual

S. C. Chamberlin Adjt

Head Quarters Wm Logan Rodman Post No. 1
Dept of Mass G. A. R. May 22nd 1889

Post opened in due form by P. C. Geo P. Gifford

Officers present

S. V. C. A. H. Caldwell J. V. C. C. G. Burgess
Surg H K Griffith Chap H B James
A. D. Joseph Donaghy Q. M. John S. Smith
Adjt S. C. Chamberlin O. G. G. H. Carpenter
S. M. K. W. Snow Q. M. S. John Marble

Records of the last meeting read and approved

Q. M. made his weekly report cash on hand $374.84

Sick report

Comrade Mathews no better

Comrade Mitchell about the same
" Perrin same as last report
" Benj Wood gaining
" Kamine at the meeting

To visit the sick

Comrade Mathews Hawes and Curtis
" Perrin Soule and Benjamin
" Wood D Griffith and Knott

Comrade Wood placed on the benefit list to date May 15th

Application for Membership

On the application of F. W. Cole for reinstatement the committee reported favorably and on a ballot he was elected

On application of Oscar F. Clarich the committee reported favorably and he was also elected

Muster

The Commander having a dispensation from Dept H.Q. Oscar F Clarich was duly mustered as a member of this Post

Committee on Dues read their report

Voted The report be received and placed on file

The finishing committee reported on the P.M. accounts for the month of April

Voted The report be accepted and placed on file

The Chairman of the Committee on annual donations requested that Comrade C. W. Ripley be added to the committee in place of Edwin Emery resigned

Voted The request be granted

The committee on annual donations requested the P.M. procure 250 stamped envelopes for the use of said committee

Voted the request be granted and the committee have full power to act in the matter pertaining to the annual donations

The wife of our late Comrade Brady was reported in needy circumstances the Commander said he would refer the case to the Chairman of the Relief Committee

Voted The P.M. have the stove in the Hall removed before Memorial Day

Voted We suspend the rules and hold our next regular meeting two weeks from to night

Voted The carpet be taken up before Memorial day cleaned and placed on the floor after Memorial day

Voted The carpet be taken up Tuesday morning

Voted The matter lay on the table until our next meeting A motion was made to procure a canvas to cover the carpet The P.M. moved a substitute that the Commander and Comrade Wilbur be a committee to see the City Officials and see if the Post can have the free use of City Hall for the purpose of making our offering Motion carried

Voted — The W.R.C. No 53 be invited to assist the Post in the floral arrangements for Memorial day

Voted — The Adj't send reports to the different Churches in this City to take collections for the benefit of the relief fund of this Post

Voted — That the Post attend the memorial service in the County St. M.E. Church Sunday May 26th hour to be announced in the papers

Bills

of S. Eggen H.R. Tripp. Valeh and Fellows and H2 Dept of Mass were read

Voted — The several Bills be paid on approval of the finance committee

Number present 69

Closed according to Ritual

S.C. Chamberlain
Adj't

Head Quarters Wm L Rodman Post No 1 Dept of Mass G.A.R. May 26th 1889 Post met agreeable to call and under command of Geo P. Gifford P.C. 75 Comrades in line and marched to County St M E Church and listened to a Memorial Sermon by the Rev Mr. Carroll after which the comrades returned to the Post room when the following business was transacted Voted that the W.R.C. No 53 be invited to attend the Memorial day exercises at the Cemeteries also at Liberty Hall Voted Thanks be extended to the Rev Mr Carroll also to the Trustees for the use of the Church Voted an invitation be sent

to Hillman Engine Co. No. 5 to attend our services in Liberty Hall the evening of Memorial day S. C. Chamberlin adj't

Memorial Day

Head Quarters Wm. L. Rodman Post No 1 Dept of Mass

G. A. R. May 30th 1889

Post met according to Order in City Hall and formed in line and after a short drill and some instructions by the P. C. and under his command proceeded to the position in the main line on Pleasant St

The exercises of the day will be found here inserted cliped from the daily Press

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THE SOLEMN HOLIDAY.

Decoration of Graves by the New Bedford G. A. R. Posts.

Full Account of the Procession and the Exercises of the Day.

Address by Rev. M. S. Kaufman in Liberty Hall in the Evening.

Memorial Day is properly ranked in this vicinity as our principal national holiday. The 4th of July is the national anniversary, and is a legal holiday; but its public celebration has degenerated to such an extent that whatever is publicly done has to be purchased at double price with money. The 30th of May has taken its place as a day when the patriotic feelings of the people are exhibited, and in which the celebrations, though of a solemn character, are of such a nature as to keep alive a sense of love for our nation and pride in the unbroken strength of the Union.

Yesterday's skies, though of poor promise in the morning, resulted in an unusually favorable day for the comfort of those who participated in its observances. In the morning there were several slight showers, and at one time it rained hard for two minutes, but this was followed by clearing weather, and the streets had sprinkled just enough by Nature's watering cart.

The procession in this city was formed at 8 30 a. m. on Pleasant and Market streets. It included the following organizations:

Mechanics Band, 21 men, John Bouchard leader, Joseph Lawrence, drum major.
Comrade William Sanders, chief marshal, and aides.
New Bedford City Guards, Co. E, 1st regiment, M. V. M., 46 men, Capt. R. H. Morgan.
High School Cadets, 40 boys, Capt. John H. Holt.
French Zouaves, 25 men, Capt. Alfred Grebele.
Le Garde Honorable de l'Ouvriere, 20 men, Capt. Joseph Carrier.
Co. E Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, 15 men, George Chambers leader.
William Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R., 135 men, George P. Gifford commander.
Sons of Veterans, represented by William E. Brooks, color-bearer.
Albert Guinn's Drum Corps, 12 men.
Robert G. Shaw Post 146, G. A. R., 16 men, Zachariah Colwell acting commander.
Richard A. Peirce Post 190, G. A. R., 80 men, J. W. Hervey commander.
Disabled Veterans in carriages.
Invited Guests.

Capt. Sanders' aids were Thomas J. Gifford, Freeman C. Luce, Samuel C. Hart, T. W. Cook, George T. Fisher, A. J. Smith, John W. Footman, Joseph Mather, William H. Washburn, James L. Wilber, Henry W. Kenyon, F. B. Nesbett, A. K. Denison and Leopold Bartel.

The veterans in carriages were John B. Manchester, Alvin F. Bradford, George Taylor, William J. Burroughs, Thomas Lahar, Eben C. Adams, Benjamin H. Arnold, Francis H. Backus, George H. Palmer, Elishup P. Allen, George R. Reed, Samuel Johnson, George G. Peck, George A. Taylor, Holden R. Tripp, P. G. Sabins, George R. Wixon, John H. Mackie, George F. Winslow, Peter J. Peters, William E. Mason, Charles W. Ripley, Joseph W. Robertson, Edward T. Chapman, James F. Chipman, A. R. Morse, Michael Weik, William Brodhead, Josephus Buckley and C. F. Aldrich.

The guests were Mayor Clifford, President Tucker of the Common Council, Dr. W. H. Taylor, Rev. Messrs. Williams, Julien and Perry.

The floral wagons were in charge of Comrades Monroe Holcomb, Charles F. Jay, William Carter and Thomas Hussey.

Dr. J. H. Mackie represented the Loyal Legion and Surgeon G. F. Winslow the navy of to-day.

Post 190 made its first public appearance. The men were in the usual Grand Army dress, and all carried swords, making a neat appearance.

Post 1 looked well, the officers carried swords, and the color guard being armed with muskets, according to its usual custom. The mascot of the post, Master George P. Gifford, Jr., wore a naval costume and carried a union jack.

Post 146 made the largest turnout it has had for years.

The new French organization made a brilliant appearance in a light blue uniform trimmed with red and gold, and wearing gold epaulets and white belts, and light blue three-cornered hats with gold trimming. In the hats were white plumes. The officers' plumes were bluish white with red tips. The United States and French flags were carried.

The military organizations made a fine appearance, and marched in excellent style.

On account of the death of Private W. K. Russell, the City Guards wore crape on the left arm, and their colors were in mourning.

The procession moved promptly at 9 o'clock, and went through the following streets to Rural Cemetery: Pleasant, Elm, Purchase, Union, Fifth, Grinnell, County, Washington, Sears, Fair, and Dartmouth.

Flags were placed over the entrance to the cemetery, and in front of the public tomb were two with a portrait of Gen. Grant.

As the procession entered the cemetery, the band played the Greenmount Funeral march. A halt was made on the soldiers' and sailors' lot, and while the graves were being decorated by members of Post 190 the band played "Brightly Gleams our Banner." Commander Gifford of Post 1 read the address provided for the occasion in the ritual, Chaplain H. B. James of the same post read a prayer, the band played "I am Praying for you," Comrade James B. Russell read the roll of honor, and Rev. E. Williams pronounced the benediction. Graves in the Friends' cemetery were decorated at the same time.

Thirty-seven members of Women's Relief Corps No. 53 gathered at the mound to the unknown dead on the soldiers' and sailors' lot, with bouquets to which were attached cards with names of soldiers who rest in unknown graves. Over the mound was a stack of muskets from the centre of which a canteen was suspended, and the whole was draped with red, white, blue and black ribbons. Before leaving, the bouquets and cards were deposited on the mound. The list of names thus remembered is as follows:

Frank Andrews,
Albert Baker,
William F. Baldwin,
William Bentley,
Luthan Blake,
John Carroll,
Erastus Coombs,
Edward M. Coxen,
George S. Cram,
Henry M. Dowd,
George Duckworth,
Stephen K. Dyer,
—— Emmons,
George B. Erskine,
Charles Everett,
Cyrus B. Fisher,
Wilbur Fiske,
Charles Gladding,
George Graham,
Edward Holmes,
Charles G. Kempton,
James H. Lavers,
Warren P. Locke,
John McGowan,
Albert F. Milliken,
Charles E. Milliken,
Charles A. Morris,
William S. Norton,
Frank Phillips,
Edward Reichmann,
Stephen G. Russell,
Francis H. Saunders,
Daniel P. Sherman,
Francis M. Spooner,
Lyman Spooner,
William H. Thatcher,
Jireh B. Tripp,
William R. Waite,
Alpheus B. Wellington,
Walter J. White,
Frederick Williams,
John A. Wing,
Charles P. Wordell,
Angus W. Young,
Makepeace C. Young.

The procession left the cemetery at the north gate, and proceeded through the following streets to Oak Grove cemetery: Rural, Brigham, Hawthorn, Orchard, Madison, County, Sycamore, Cottage, Willis, Cedar and Parker. As it started, the band played a requiem march, "Dust to Dust." It had been proposed to follow Cottage street to Parker, but at the request of the City Guards the route was changed to pass the residence of their late associate, Private William K. Russell. The band and drum-corps at this point played slow music, and the procession passed with reversed arms.

At engine-house No. 5 the usual supply of lemonade was furnished, and Commander J. W. Hervey and wife, at their residence opposite, had crackers, cheese and coffee.

At Oak Grove cemetery the procession formed a hollow square under the Bassett elms, and after the graves had been decorated, the Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps played the hymn known as Duke Street. The graves were decorated by members of Post 1. Commander Hervey of Post 190 read from the ritual, prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Perry of South Dartmouth, the roll of honor was read by Comrade George S. Fox, and the F. D. & B. Corps played the Old Hundredth Psalm.

Thence the cortege moved through Parker, County and Pope streets to the Common, which was entered opposite State street. The Women's Relief Corps had been there and placed in the enclosure surrounding the soldiers' and sailors' monument a fouled anchor of green and flowers, emblematic of the navy, and the Independent Relief Association connected with Post 190 had placed a tent composed of white daisies, in token of the army, at the south side of the monument. There was music by the band while the monument was decorated with floral wreaths by members of Post 146. Rev. William Jackson of the post read from the ritual, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Julien.

The procession marched through Pearl and Pleasant streets to the place of formation, and was dismissed. At the Library it passed in review before Mayor Clifford.

Along the route of procession, on the public buildings, and in many other places, and on board shipping, flags were displayed at half-mast. From the window of the residence of T. R. Dennison, Esq., on Fifth street, was displayed the company flag of his son in law, Capt. Francis L. Gilman, which was carried into Richmond, April 4, 1865.

The Union Veteran Legion decorated the grave of Hon. William T. Soule, the only deceased member of the encampment, with a floral shield composed of carnations, with the letters U. V. L. No. 10. The body of the shield was of white, with red stripes and stars, and the letters were of purple immortelles. A similar shield was placed by the Legion on the monument on the Common.

The City Guards decorated the graves of members who died while they were members of the company, as follows:

Rural Cemetery—Herbert A. Gorham, William H. Bartlett, Jr.

Oak Grove Cemetery—Sergt. William F. Bradford.

St. Lawrence Cemetery—Lieut. John H. Deane.

A committee of the police force, consisting of Capt. James L. Wilber, Henry Stevens, Edgar W. Allen, Joseph H. Daley and John H. Williams, arranged for decorating the graves of policemen who died while members of the force. On the graves of Thomas S. Dunham in Rural Cemetery, Motin Yancey at Oak Grove, and John H. Deane at St. Lawrence Cemetery, were placed shields of white flowers and violets, with the word Police in immortelles.

While the procession was in motion, Policemen Wing and Moynan, mounted, kept the streets clear of carriages in advance, and a numerous detail from the force, in command of Lieut. Taft, performed other duties in keeping stray carriages out of the line, and clearing spaces where the exercises were to be held. Their work was accomplished in a quiet and unostentatious manner, with no bustle or excitement, and yet not the less effectively. Chief Butler, having a good appreciation of the nature of the work, visited the officers personally, saw they attended to their duties, and commended them.

It was about 2 o'clock when the procession was dismissed.

At 3, detachments were sent to Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven, and to South Dartmouth, to decorate graves. Each detachment included members of all three of the posts. The Fairhaven delegations were in charge of George H. Carpenter, Officer of Guard of Post 1, and that for South Dartmouth was commanded by A. J. Smith of Post 1.

At Fairhaven, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hood, L. S. Judd, Jr., read a poem, and the roll of honor was read by Comrade J. F. Tripp, under whose direction the graves were afterward decorated. Mr. Judd's verses were as follows:

As the moonbeams' silver glory
Floods the midnight of the sea,
While the ocean's murmured story
Breathes upon the wind so free,
Borne upon the wings of years,
Childhood's mystic realm appears
With its magic charm to me.

On yon fort beside the river,
In the camp, in railway train,
Martial scenes are fixed forever,
Sunlight shot with falling rain;
And I hear the sad bells toll,
And the guns' deep thunder roll,
Mid these scenes I see again.

Crash of arms and music crashing
Fright no more the blushing morn;
Fire, nor blood, nor weapons flashing,
Stain the light of early dawn.
But the gifts of those who died—
Honor, glory, faith and pride—
In their children new are born;

While the roar of traffic, flinging
Far its echoes o'er the land,
And the voice of science, ringing
Clear from city, hill and strand—
Mighty surges rising free—
Bear the *now* and the *to be*
Inward deep to brain and hand.

Far and wide, and ever faster,
Empire's westering car is whirled,
Till the Orient glows, and vaster
Seems to fly the aged world,
Fresh with thought and action gleaming,
As with thousand banners streaming,
To the morning breeze unfurled.

But above a war cloud lowers,
Though each earthly scene be fair,
For we fight with unseen powers
And the princes of the air.
Rust may dim the valiant steel:
Swords of intellect and will,
Sons of soldiers must prepare.

Ah, the silence, living, burning,
Of the voices of the dead!
Streams of power are returning
From the souls that far have fled.
With the breath of sweet Spring flowers
Let the breeze of Summer hours
Chant a requiem o'er their bed.

The party that went to South Dartmouth decorated graves in the cemetery, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Perry. Rev. George Matthews made an address, and the roll of honor was read by Comrade Edwin Dews. Refreshments for the visiting posts were provided by Daniel H. Howland and Charles Howland. Mrs. Craw, who has performed this service ever since the day was observed, is so far advanced in years that she could not well attend to it. She was present with many others, and was glad to see the comrades who have visited the cemetery so many times.

Graves in Pine Grove and Taber cemeteries were decorated by Comrades F. P. and L. A. Washburn; at the First church yard and old Acushnet cemetery by Comrade George Randall; at the West and St. Lawrence cemeteries by Comrades L. C. Wood and George P. Macomber; at North Dartmouth and Braleyville by Comrades Freeman C. Luce and Frederick P. Mosher; at Woodside and East Fairhaven by Comrades Joseph B. Alton and John B. Adams; at Apponegansett and Pascamansett by Comrade George A. Taylor; and at the Crapo cemetery, Westport, by Comrade Daniel H. Tripp.

The following is the list of new graves decorated for the first time this year:

Second Street—Capt. Timothy Ingraham (Revolutionary.)

Rural—James Mitchell, Col. Nathaniel Nelson (1812,) Isaac Peckham, Nathaniel L. Reeve, Capt. Isaac Sowle (1812.)

South part of Oak Grove—William Gifford, Henry G. Taber.

North part of Oak Grove—Lucius E. Peirce, William T. Soule.

St. Lawrence—Patrick Welch.

Old burying ground, Acushnet—Abner Howard.

Taber Cemetery—, ——Gordon.

Riverside—Sylvanus B. Baker, Augustus Mayo, John Ribbins (Revolutionary.)

South Dartmouth—George Shaw.

Hixville—Barnabas Lincoln, John McCall, George Pierce.

Rounseville Cemetery, East Freetown—Albert H. Chase, Seth H. Chase, James N. Henry, Simeon D. Rounseville, Calvin Thomas.

Morton Cemetery, East Freetown—Andrew J. Fuller.

John Rotch's grave, previously reported at Pine Island Cemetery, North Dartmouth, should have been Joshua Rotch.

Other lists of graves were printed in the *Standard* of Wednesday.

William H. Nichols, whose grave has been decorated for some years in Oak Grove Cemetery, proves to have been a soldier of the Mexican war, and he is the only one from that war known to have been buried in this vicinity. He served in the Massachusetts volunteer regiment in that war. At the time of his death, in 1856, he was a member of the New Bedford City Guards. His widow now resides in New Bedford.

Everywhere, in the cemeteries and on the Common, and at Fairhaven and South Dartmouth, the people turned out in great numbers.

Liberty Hall was nearly filled in the evening, the seats being reserved in the centre of the auditorium for the three posts of the Grand Army, the Women's Relief Corps and Ladies Independent Association. The stage was occupied by officers of the posts and of the military companies, President Tucker of the Common Council and Rev. M. C. Julien, chaplain of the occasion. A quartet choir, consisting of Ellis L. Howland, Rufus H. Willis, E. G. Morton, Jr., and H. K. Haskins, rendered several selections.

Commander George P. Gifford, of William Logan Rodman Post 1, was chairman and introduced Rev. M. S. Kaufman of the Pleasant Street M. E. church, who is also a member of Post 190, and he delivered the following address:

Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In all the annals of time this world has never known a government so grand as the American Republic. Never have the breezes of heaven floated another flag so glorious as our own stars and stripes. And such magnificent armies as fought for this grand nation and carried to victory this glorious flag, were never marshalled before. That the brave soldiers who formed these magnificent armies, and gallantly fought for this great Republic and went down to death in defence of our beautiful banner should be yearly honored with a special Memorial Day, is certainly in strictest keeping with every dictate of justice, and in harmony with the natural impulses of all noble hearts.

In the dark day of dreaded danger, when disaster and ruin were staring the people in the face, the people were ready to make largest promises to those who would go forth to shield them from that disaster and rescue them from the impending ruin. And now, in the favored period of our security, under the sunshine of unprecedented prosperity, it is well that we recognize anew our acknowledged obligations, and generously redeem our sacred pledges. Could we read aright the language of Memorial Day and ascertain its correct interpretation, we should find therein actual history more exciting than any romance, genuine drama, far exceeding the finest productions of Shakespeare,—tragedy more appalling than ever enacted on any stage, poetry of deepest pathos and loftiest heroism, philosophy more profound than that of Aristotle or Spencer, and theology that reveals truer conceptions of Deity than all the libraries of learned men.

The immediate design of this day is to keep fresh and fragrant in grateful memories the glory of our own dear comrades who sacrificed their lives for us, but indirectly we pay homage to all the brave hearts of all the centuries that have bled in freedom's cause. Back of this day are the sanguinary strug-

gles of a whole race during six thousand years, the road leading up to it has ever run red with martyr blood and is paved all the way with fallen heroes. And yet among the mighty hosts who have laid down their mangled bodies to build a highway over which coming generations might march to national greatness and social elevation, none have been more deserving of admiration and love than our soldiers, because none before them had ever left such home-comforts; none ever sacrificed themselves more intelligently; none ever gave their lives in a holier cause or with purer motives. Decoration Day, unlike other holidays, does not celebrate the fame simply of some one illustrious achievement or event of stupendous import, but it gathers up and concentrates all the illustrious events and stupendous achievements of the entire struggle which for four wild and stormy years rocked this nation and made the very foundations of the Union shake.

There is an ancient Grecian legend that shepherds watching their flocks on the plains of Marathon fancy they hear the din of battle in the air above them, and see the spirits of departed warriors again engaged in the deadly strife of that day which saved the liberties of Greece. It is not fancy with us, my comrades, but in memory we can live over again the experiences and look once more upon the scenes through which we passed when desperately contending for the supremacy of constitutional liberty. You did not write history with a pen. You made history with gun and bayonet, with sword and flag. And what a history! You did not make it alone. Your brothers in rebellion aided you. They wrought upon the black pages, the only mingled rays of light being the consummate skill with which they wrought, the lofty courage and self-sacrifice displayed, and the unquestioned conviction that most of them were sincerely conscientious in their wicked designs. The loyal women of the North aided you, not in making wounds, but in healing them. They threw all the tender sympathy and warm affection of their noble natures into the conflict, toiling, praying, sacrificing, suffering for the same righteous cause in which we fought. It was the precious influence of woman's pure love that restored to us our soldiers with their citizen hearts still beating in unison with the pursuits of peace and the pleasures of home, in spite of the demoralizing tendencies of army life.

Again we exclaim, What a history does Memorial Day recall! What sounds we hear! What scenes we behold! We are back in the opening Springtime of 1861. For about half a century we have enjoyed almost uninterrupted prosperity and peace. But now a veritable war cloud hangs yonder in the Southern sky. We see it enlarge and spread with alarming rapidity. It grows darker and darker. Suddenly a fearful flash of lightning, quickly followed by a terrific crash of thunder, assures us that no ordinary storm is brewing. Its the sound of that first cannon shot hurled against Fort Sumter; a shot which is heard round the world; a shot which goes echoing through the land, telling the nation that its flag is insulted,—an insult which is felt. It flashes in the loyal eye and fires the loyal heart. Immediately the country becomes one broad blaze of patriotism. Abraham Lincoln of Illinois is at the helm. He is a calm, patient, honest man, and stands there firm as a rock. The people have unbounded faith in him. He is the man for the hour. He calls for volunteers. More than two millions of armed men, in the flower of youth and manhood's prime, spring to the conflict. He speaks to the sea, and the mightiest navy of modern times proudly rides the wave. He breathes into the air, and money and munitions of war rain upon the Capital. But the task which confronts us is not easy to accomplish. It is no hasty, spasmodic insurrection that challenges our courage, but the most stupendous, most widespread, most thoroughly equipped, and deeply planned rebellion of all history. Neither side is really versed in the art of war. Both have to learn it by real experience, by hard and bitter experience. That the common soldier in either army knows how to fight and face death at the cannon's mouth is demonstrated at the outset, but the great lack is leadership. Competent commanders are few, and it requires many battles and weary years to find them out and train them. The first great battle is a rout, a disaster, a butchery of the Federal forces. It exalts the South, it humbles the North, but through that vale of humiliation we find the way to ultimate victory. Defeat does not discourage the men who are panoplied in the armor of a righteous cause. It only deepens the determination to conquer or die. Aye, more! to conquer *and die*, if need be. So we struggled on in the elevating assurance that

> "Freedom's battle once begun
> Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son
> Though baffled oft, is ever won."

For once in the world's history the heaviest battalions were on the right side. It must ever be to us a creditable and pleasing fact that such multitudes were ready to volunteer; that all classes, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, native and foreign born, Romanist and Protestant, black and white, Democrat and Republican, were willing to sink their differences in the one all-dominating desire to save our imperilled liberties. In numbers the loyal army was immense. Such was the impression it made upon an astonished Confederate, as he listened to the continued tramp of our long columns marching on and on, that he said it seemed as though the general of the Yankee army had given command: "Attention, world! Forward by states! By nations, right wheel, march." It was an immense host, and what State marches in the van? What State is first to advance her troops into the hostile South? It is the State of the Pilgrim Fathers; the State where rests Plymouth Rock and towers Bunker Hill; the State whose embattled farmers fired the first shot of the Revolution; the State which has ever been in the forefront of moral and political progress,—in fine, the State of the Puritans; and this means more than anything else, for back of all and beneath all, yea, the living, moving soul of all is the Puritan. For sturdy virtues, for unflinching devotion to the right, for that rugged heroism which trembles not in the face of lightning flash or tempest howl; that never quails and never turns pale when duty's voice is heard; that marches into the very jaws of death like the immortal six hundred of the Light Brigade at bloody Balaklava; for moral courage, unsurpassed in human annals, you may turn to the grand old Puritan stock. The advance guard of the Republic's vast army is the State of the Puritans, old Massachusetts, with that splendid man at its head, the most eminent of our great war governors, John A. Andrew. To some of the first troops, upon their departure to the field of strife, thus he speaks: "From the bottom of my heart of hearts, I pay to you, soldiers, citizens, and heroes, the homage of my most profound gratitude; and the heart of all Massachusetts beats with full sympathy to every word I utter. There is but one pulsation beating through all this beautiful domain, from the shores of Cape Cod to the hills of Berkshire; and the mountain waves and the mountain peaks answer to each other. Soldiers, go forth, bearing the flag; and as our fathers fought, so, if need be, strike you the blow." With such a soul as this at the head of the Commonwealth, her soldiers went forth, keyed to the highest pitch of daring and devotion. It was Massachusetts blood that first baptized the Union cause. This occurred on the 86th anniversary of the battle of Lexington, where their great-grandfathers had shed the first blood in the Revolutionary struggle. Thereafter, on almost every field on land and sea, from Baltimore to Richmond, from Hampton Roads to Mobile, in every position of duty and danger, on the heights and in the vales, the men of Massachusetts nobly did their part and have graven with their bayonets an imperishable record, thus proving themselves worthy sons of noble sires.

But where was New Bedford in those stirring times? No citizen of this goodly city need fear to have this question fully answered. The very next day after the President issued his first call for volunteers, early in the morning, the New Bedford City Guards with Timothy Ingraham as captain, James Barton and Austin S. Cushman, lieutenants, started for the front. Ex-Governor John H. Clifford, father of the honored gentleman who holds the chief office of our city to-day, headed an escort of citizens who conducted the company to the cars, while assembled thousands at the depot rent the air with cheers. Some of these old guards are here to-night. In time others enlisted, until 3200 of your bravest men strengthened the army and navy, being a surplus of 1100 above your quota. Few cities in the Union can equal such a record. The ladies of New Bedford are deserving of special mention for their most valuable services in the comfort and relief of sick and wounded soldiers. Their deep interest was not expressed alone in kind words, but in such toil and sacrifice as put into their Relief Society's treasury the handsome sum of $30,000. Concerning your Roll of Honor, including those who fell in battle, I cannot speak from personal knowledge, but the orator James Bunker Congdon, who addressed some of you on the first Decoration Day just 21 years ago as you gathered upon the Common around the monument there erected and this day garlanded with fairest flowers said, "We look upon this graceful and enduring shaft, and we

> See the noble Rodman's name
> High up the stone appear.
> On the obelisk of fame
> Youthful Howland follows near.
> Brown, whose sable brothers wept
> When their gallant leader died;
> Blake, who well his station kept,
> Firm his well-played guns beside.
> There the firm and fearless Nye
> For his country dared to die,
> Shouting, 'I will never yield!'
> Watson, Francis, Ottiwell
> Hold a high and honored place;
> Almy, Kempton, here as well,
> All the martyred names we trace."

These may serve to bring forward in your quickened memories the faces and forms of many more who are just as worthy of honorable commemoration.

It is a proud pleasure that I enjoy to-night to stand on this New England soil, hallowed by the historic grandeur of lofty achievement, to stand in such a living presence, with the spirits of your martyred dead gathered about us, and bring this tribute of praise for those who merit richer rewards than our finite powers are able to bestow. But what should be said of your living heroes? Coming from a distant State, it may be no breach of propriety to make brief reference to these. Daily do you meet men on your streets who for bravery, patriotism, unflinching devotion to country, and readiness to die in its defence are peers of any who fell in the heat of battle. Allow me the additional pleasure of honoring you, my hearers, by the personal mention of one name,—a name that has won national fame and gives increased lustre to the brilliant war record of your city. It is the name of one who has a dark face, but a shining record. He belonged to the 54th Massachusetts, that famous colored regiment which met disaster at Fort Wagner, but covered itself with glory and forever settled all misgivings in regard to the fighting qualities of the "blacks in blue." He bore the regimental colors, planted them on the rebel parapet, and held them there right in the teeth of that fiery storm of leaden hail that raged around him. Although severely wounded in the head, hip, and breast, he kept the flag afloat. Dragging his mangled body away from the scene of destruction, he was taken to the field hospital. As his wounded comrades espied him bringing in the colors, they gave him hearty cheers. Weakened from loss of blood he yet had strength enough to exclaim, "Boys, the old flag never touched the ground." Sergeant Carney.

> "Old Massachusetts well may boast
> Thy name among her hero host,
> And keep thy memory green."

Some future historian may write it on the same bright page which now glows with that of Crispus Attucks. Should any fastidious natures feel annoyed by these references to those who still remain in our midst, please remember that the language of Memorial Day declares in the plainest and most emphatic terms that the truest way to honor the dead is to rightly appreciate the living. We are too prone to lavish our expressions of appreciation upon cold tombstones, while warm hearts are allowed to slowly break by reason of neglect, forgetting the profound wisdom of the sentiment couched in the unique phrase that "an ounce of taffy is worth a ton of epitaphy."

Returned veterans, to whom the Republic is largely indebted for its perpetuity and vast wealth, who are still strong and able bodied, capable of earning a livelihood, are too independent to ask for charity at the hands of the government they saved; but when their enfeebled comrades who suffer for the common comforts of life are refused a reasonable support out of the surplus millions in the national treasury, then we have occasion for righteous indignation and also to feel thankful that we now have Corporal Tanner to administer the Pension Department. Material compensation can never suitably reward the soldier for the sacrifices he made. His real reward is found in the consciousness of duty faithfully done and the spectacle of his country rescued from ruin, and enjoying a career of unparalleled prosperity. How vast the contrast between our country as it is to-day and when it was rocked in the throes of civil war.

"God's most dreaded instrument
In working out a pure intent
Is man arrayed for mutual slaughter."

War is among the most terrible of all scourges. Only those who have felt its awful weight can realize its horrors. War means the sundering of the dearest ties, turning away from the home circle with all its loved ones, exchanging the comforts and safety of the family fireside for the privations of camp and perils of the battle-field. War is the wearisome march, the lonely picket post, the wasting fever, the melancholy prison pen. War is the thunder of artillery, the sharp rattle of musketry, the terrifying shriek and explosion of bursting shells, the maddening yells of charging lines. It is baring the bosom to storms of iron and rows of glistening steel. It is pressing over formidable breastworks and rushing over slippery fields or standing to receive the assault of oncoming foes. It is submitting to all kinds of hardships, perils, and woes, that others may reap the harvests of victory. Think of over two and a half millions of picked men in the army and navy, men in the vigor of their vital forces, a whole generation of stalwart physical manhood, going forth without wounds, without sickness, without bodily infirmities. What a splendid array of hopeful vigorous life! See them move, keeping step to music of Union and Liberty, while the earth trembles beneath their mighty tread. See them carrying the fortunes of this nation and the welfare of humanity upon their bayonets and in their hearts; forcing their way over hostile fortifications and blazing batteries; carrying the starry flag down the Mississippi past Vicksburg, the Gibraltar of the South, past Port Hudson to New Orleans, and then over the Gulf to Mobile, where Farragut won so much glory; carrying the flag of freedom down through Kentucky and Tennessee and Georgia, past Nashville and Chattanooga, floating it on victorious battle air above the clouds of Lookout Mountain, then past Atlanta; carried by Sherman's forces through swamp and forest on to the sea; carried by Phil Sheridan's whirlwinds of battle down the Shenandoah valley, and borne by the splendid Army of the Potomac across the Rappahannock, the Rapidan, and the James, until it waved in triumph over the capital of the fallen Confederacy, and in undisputed supremacy, from ocean to ocean, it adorned the dome of the Union sky. But where is that magnificent army which but yesterday plunged into the raging red sea of war? Look again upon our generation, once so bright, so numerous, so giant-like in strength. It stands with its face turned toward home. Beneath its feet is the flag of treason. Above its head waves the banner of liberty, tattered and torn, smoked and riddled, but every stain has been washed out in patriot blood, and not a stripe is missing and every star is in its place. But our ranks are no longer full. I hear the roll-call, but 500,000 men fail to answer. I see 200,000 soldiers maimed and disabled for life. Arms and limbs are gone. The empty sleeve dangles idly in the wind. The wooden crutch poorly performs its solemn task. Multitudes bear lighter wounds, and those who have escaped unhurt by balls have grown prematurely old through exposure to peril, hardship and pain. Only a remnant of our generation is left. Again I hear the roll-call. This time 300,000 comrades give no response. Three hundred thousand voices are silent. Three hundred thousand tongues are stiff. Three hundred thousand hearts are still. Where are they? Ask the winds that moan their requiem through Southern forests, and sway the Southern pine trees. Ask the bones which bleach on Southern battlefields, or lie rudely buried on river bank, in shaded valley, on stony hillside, by the edge of dismal swamp, and out in the tangled wood. Ask the national cemeteries and city burying grounds, which to-day are bright with the beauty and fragrant with the perfume of fresh Spring flowers! Where are they?

"On fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards, with solemn sound,
The bivouac of the dead."

The language of Memorial Day expresses and emphasizes the one overwhelming truth that nations, as well as individuals, are redeemed only by blood; individuals by the blood of a divine heart; nations by the blood of human hearts. Whenever the future is progress the past is always sacrifice. The universal law of cost and compensation is here in full force. American citizenship has cost more than that of any other country, and it is worth priceless blood that could be poured upon our country's altar, sanctified by the keenest anguish and hallowed by inexpressible grief. By the sacred memories of our multitudes of martyred dead and the sufferings of living patriots let the jewel of citizenship be kept out of the mire of degradation. Let no rude hand mar it. Let no traitor or demagogue, North or South, native or foreign-born, be allowed to diminish its true value. Let the humblest and weakest citizen, regardless of creed, color or nationality, be made to feel as secure in his rights as the powerful millionnaire or even the President of the United States. Absolute equality before the laws, even-handed justice for every man is the sublime principle which we fought to establish. Nothing less than this can realize the ideal which Providence has ever held before this nation. I have said there was the poetry of deepest pathos in the language of this day. There was pathos in the sad separations of families, and when men far from home remembered their sorrowing, anxious wives and sweet groups of little children, and thought—

"You have put the children to bed, Alice,
Maud, and Wille, and Rose;
They have lisped their sweet Our Father
And sunk to their night's repose.
Did they think of me, dear Alice,
Did they think of me and say,
'God bless him' and 'God keep him'
Dear father, far away?"

There was pathos in that homesickness which was often more fatal than bullets, and in the news which frequently came to us that some dear one of the family circle had been buried forever out of sight. There was pathos in the dark desolations wrought by the war in the homes all over the land. But there was scarcely anything more touching than the sighing which came up from a wronged race, the sighing and crying from the dreadful depths to which they had been sunken by the mountain weight of 250 years of galling oppression. God said to the South, Unclasp their shackles and let them go free. But they would not. He said to the North, Break their shackles with the sledge hammer of law founded in justice and the Golden Rule. But they would not. Then God said, I will see that their shackles are melted off in the fiery furnace of civil war. And it was done. During the first year of the conflict those in command went through the farce of feeding the foe with one hand and fighting him with the other—of winning victories on paper at a safe distance from danger; of putting down the rebellion by strategy. But they afterward discovered that victories which cost nothing were simply worth what they cost, and that substantial success meant battle, blood, death. The South fought for slavery. The North for union, but God continued saying to us, "Fight for liberty and the sacredness of man." It was not until the emancipation proclamation harmonized us with the Declaration of Independence and our armies marched to the music of "Liberty Bell," which in '76 was made to "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." that we came into league with omnipotent forces and began to tread with confident step the solid highway to permanent success. The true philosophy of government is found in a thorough and honest recognition of the inherent rights of the people, based upon man's essential greatness, in view of his divine origin and possible destiny. Some truths cannot be understood by dull human nature, until they are thundered in our ears by heavy artillery and burned into our minds by blazing battles. It is in such withering ordeals that we see "God's terrible and fiery finger shrivel the falsehood from the souls of men." Whatever is unjust in politics or false in ethics must be abandoned, or feel the blight of divine judgments. Eternal decrees have been issued against all forms of wrong, and their utter abolition from society is only a question of time. Slavery, "the sum of all villanies," was doomed from the day it was introduced into this Western hemisphere. To the credit of the South—especially the new and better South—which has sprung, Phenix-like, from the ashes of the old, it must be admitted that they accept, in good faith, the arbitrament of the sword, and under all the circumstances are making commendable advancement toward 19th century civilization. A new generation has come upon the stage of action since the war—a thoughtful, industrious, progressive generation—earnestly striving to solve the hard problems which are presented by their peculiar situation. Let no unnecessary obstacles be thrown across their path of progress. The greatest glory of the nation's victory over rebellion is not that we conquered men of our own sturdy and dauntless race, but that our victory won for *them*, richer blessings than they could have gained had they themselves been victorious. Never before in the world's history were a people so greatly blessed in being conquered. And never could conquerors better afford to be magnanimous than could we. The loudest applause that will come to us out of future history will not be for the courage of the soldier, though that is unsurpassed; nor the military genius of the chief commander, though that is peerless; but for that unparalleled magnanimity extended to a fallen enemy. Self-conquest is always the grandest victory. Loyalty is loyalty, and treason is treason. They are widely different in their character. Nothing should be said or done to confound them. There is, in reality, a vast difference between fighting for slavery or against it, against freedom or for it. Let these distinctions be accorded their due prominence. The South was guilty of a great crime. It can never be acquitted, but it can be forgiven. It has already suffered an appalling penalty. To show mercy is consistent with the spirit of the age and in harmony with the spirit of Christianity. We cannot do better than to adopt the sentiments of the two men who tower high above all others in our country's recent history—Lincoln and Grant. What could be more in harmony with the language of this day, dedicated to hallowed memories, than the lofty utterances of Mr. Lincoln's last inaugural address, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation's wounds, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." Never did Gen. Grant, with all his genuine grestness, appear so truly great as in his generous attitude toward the armies which surrendered to him. When in battle no man ever struck heavier blows, but in the very hour of his triumph he said to Gen. Lee that the Confederate soldiers who owned their horses should retain them, as they would need them to till their farms. Thus immediately, the stern man of war becomes the kind man of peace, and at once begins the nobler work of turning "swords into ploughshares." Shall we not ascend Mt. McGregor a moment and listen to our honored chief once more? Tread softly. He is on his dying bed. He cannot speak, but he writes and says: "I have witnessed since my sickness just what I have wished to see ever since the war—harmony and good feeling between the sections. I have always contended that if there had been nobody left but the soldiers we should have had peace in a year." In the magnanimous words of Lincoln and Grant uttered so near the close of their eventful careers, we have most appropriate language for Memorial day, and a fine illustration of the larger meaning of the Grand Army's elevating motto—Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty. No Americans were ever more loyal to country than these two eminent leaders, and none have given us better ideas of charity and fraternity. The immediate force of fraternity in our motto is that of brotherly relations among ourselves. It is natural for us to feel fraternal toward one another, bound together as we have been by the strong ties of common peril, privation and suffering. How sensitively do our hearts respond to the poet soldier's thrilling numbers:

"Comrades known in marches many,
Comrades tried in dangers many,
Comrades bound by memories many,
Brothers let us ever be!
Wounds and sickness may divide us,
Marching orders may divide us,
But whatever fate betide us,
Brothers of the heart are we.
Comrades known by faith the dearest,
Tried when death was near and nearest,
Bound we are by ties the dearest,
Brothers evermore to be.
And if spared and growing older,
Shoulder still in line with shoulder,
And with hearts no throb the colder,
Brothers ever will we be."

Charity with us assumes that practical form which kindly cares for needy comrades and extends substantial sympathy towards the soldier's afflicted family and friends. It

also has the broader significance of generous and large-hearted judgment when considering the merits or demerits of friends or foes. True charity, spurning the spirit of those who "nurse their wrath to keep it warm," seeks to bury the bitter hatreds of the past to settle the dissensions of the present and to strengthen the bonds of universal brotherhood.

Loyalty means specifically love of country, true devotion to the flag that we fought to keep floating in our national sky. But it, too, has a larger meaning. It is one of the grandest words in human language, expressing immovable devotion to every phase of righteousness.

During the grand review of our victorious armies in Washington at the close of the war, Bishop Ames was invited to share the carriage of a German baron. Having secured a favorable position, they viewed the marching columns. The cavalry, with champing steeds and rattling sabres, crowded past. There rumbled the field artillery, and with unwearying tread the infantry kept step with bands of music. Now a fine brigade passes, which has been newly clothed for the day; uniforms are clean, bayonets bright, swords gleaming. Each man is at his best, in line, in perfect step; every motion and look bespeaks the soldier. The eager eyes of the baron follow them until out of sight, and then turns round to Bishop Ames and says: "Pishop, those men can whip the world." Again there came on in the procession some old veterans fresh from hard campaigns in the farther South. Their uniforms are soiled and ragged. Some are patched with odd looking cloth, unlike the original in color and quality. Some are without coats. There is one with a teakettle on his gun over his shoulder, and yonder is a part of a ham on a soldier's bayonet. They roll along with an easy, swinging gait, chatting, laughing, occasionally imitating some animal, giving a bark, or a howl, or a screech, yet keeping step and in line. As these men with their tattered uniforms and tattered flags go by, the excited baron springs to his feet, throws his arms around Bishop Ames, and exclaims: "Pishop, these men can whip the devil!" So comrades, as I look into your faces to-night and think of the battles you have fought and the victories you have won and remember your unflinching loyalty to our country's banner and hear both armies—the blue and the gray—exclaiming with united shout that makes the welkin ring, we are

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand,
One nation evermore,"

it seems to me that nothing worthy of achieving should be impossible to you. With that larger loyalty which rises into unswerving fidelity to conscience, to duty and to truth let the soldier citizen now belonging to the Grand Army of the Republic achieve for himself sublimer manhood even than that of the citizen soldier who marched in the ranks of the Republic's Grand Army during the war. Such ought to be the lofty inspiration coming to us out of our memorial exercises. The true language of Memorial Day is the language of affectionate memories of our fallen comrades, sad memories of sectional strife, exultant memories of liberty's triumph, thankful memories of divine deliverance from possible defeat and disaster in the gigantic struggle through which we passed, and hope-inspiring memories which turn our faces toward the ever brightening future, which holds for mankind the triumphs of peace—more sublime than those of war.

Could you have gone up into the tower of St. Nicholas Church, Amsterdam, in the 17th century to note the playing of those marvellous chimes, you would have found the confusion and jargon quite distracting. There sat the player away down below the bells with a sort of wooden gloves on his hands pounding away at the key-board. The rattle of the wires, the clatter of the keys, and the nearness of the bells all render it impossible to catch a single pure tone. But away out over the city and borne afar by the waves of the sea are the most enchanting strains of music. All the noises of our late war are hushed, but we are not yet far enough away from the confusion and strife to appreciate the sweetest notes of returning peace. Only in the distant future will be heard the most exquisite symphonies wrought out amid the rush and rattle and rumble of our sad civil war.

Having shed our tears and scattered fragrant flowers once more upon the green graves of our heroic dead, let us arise in the majestic might of conscious manhood and go forth to hasten the enthronement of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Then shall come the glad day

"When the war drum throbs no longer, and the battle-flags are furled,
In the parliament of man, the federation of the world:
When the common-sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."

The address was closely listened to and frequently applauded, and at the close America was sung and Mr. Julien gave the benediction

Notes.

Commander Gifford's little son, the mascot of Post 1, marched with that post, wearing the full uniform of a man o' warsman.

The police arrangements were unusually good and greatly facilitated the forming of the line.

The total number of graves decorated was 537.

William H. Nichols, whose grave in Oak Grove cemetery has been decorated by the Grand Army for a number of years, but about whom nothing was known, turns out to have been a veteran of the Mexican war, and accompanied the remains of Major Webster when they were sent home.